

# OAKWOOD COLLEGE

*HOMECOMING 2006*



## *SURVIVING THE STORM*



THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL  
ALUMNI HOMECOMING  
WEEKEND  
APRIL 13-16

ALUMNI SOUVENIR JOURNAL



# OCAA

## Oakwood College Alumni Association

Welcomes Alumni and Friends  
to the  
39<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming



**Delbert W. Baker, PhD**  
College President

**Edward Woods Jr.**  
Alumni President

**Dr. Sherman Cox**  
Alumni Relations Director/Homecoming Coordinator

2006

# OCAA

## *2006 Honorees*

**Deborah Clark**  
**Parent of the Year**

**Violet Hall Thompson**  
**Alumna of the Year**

**Dr. DeWitt Williams**  
**Alumnus of the Year**



### *Certificate of Merit*

**Margaret Hollman**  
Allegheny East

**Lillian Coleman**  
South Atlantic

**Harold Cleveland II**  
Allegheny West

**Winifred Rivers**  
South Central

**Satira Perry Wisdom**  
Northeastern

**Ellen Turner Bagley**  
Southeastern

2006



# OCAA

## Oakwood College Alumni Association Officers

**President.....Edward Woods, Jr.**  
**Vice President.....Udell Darville**  
**Recording Secretary .....Margo Bagley**  
**Corresponding Secretary .....Yvonne Pitt**  
**Treasurer..... Dr. Charles Campbell**  
**Assistant Treasurer..... Jennifer Stone, DDS**  
**Parliamentarian..... Eardell Rashford**  
**Chaplain ..... Elder O. J. McKinney**  
**Sergeant-At-Arms.....Carlton Sampson, MD**  
**Public Relations.....Currine Harris**

### Regional Vice Presidents

**Allegheny East..... Marie H. Seard**  
**Allegheny West.....Connie Mayfield**  
**Central States.....**  
**Lake Region .....**  
**Northeastern..... Edna Lett Williamson**  
**Pacific Union..... Glynis Pierre-Louis**  
**South Atlantic ..... Mary Smalls**  
**South Central.....Angela Wilson**  
**Southeastern ..... Julia Howard**  
**Southwest Region.....Christine Herbert**

2006

# OCAA

## Delbert W. Baker President



It is always a pleasure to welcome you to the Annual Alumni Homecoming Weekend, and this year is no exception. God continues to immeasurably bless Oakwood College in its endeavor to provide the best in Christian education

As Year 2006 brings us even closer to the second coming, it is important that you partner with us in preparing our student to take their place in society, and further, to impact the world for eternity. This is the sole reason for Oakwood's existence and the divine plan that undergirds its historic inception.

To this end, special initiatives such as Academic Affairs' Spiritual Mentoring program align incoming students with faculty in an ongoing relationship to nurture their progress and growth. A number of Student Service programs address daily challenges they face to build skill sets for successful maturity. The Advancement and Development Division channels its energies toward identifying dollars to facilitate Oakwood's continued achievement. Financial Affairs focuses its expertise in managing the College's resources. The office of the Provost works to ensure that quality and satisfaction become bywords of our daily operations. In all these endeavors God has blessed.

This year's campus theme is *Deepening Community*, an emphasis on the importance of relationship, affirmation, and at times of need, support for members of the campus family. You are Oakwood's extended family and integral in helping us to make a difference. Your tangible dollars ensure that our facilities and programs are first-rate, your creative ideas and positive reinforcement are needed in this ongoing relationship. Your daily prayers and active contact with our students strengthen their resolve to choose paths of success. They come to Oakwood College from around the world. We ask that you join hands with us in sending them out armed with the best that Christ-focused education can offer.

Let these be the focus of your thoughts as you arrive to enjoy a dynamic and inspirational weekend so ably planned for you by the National Alumni Planning Committee. We are pleased to have you.

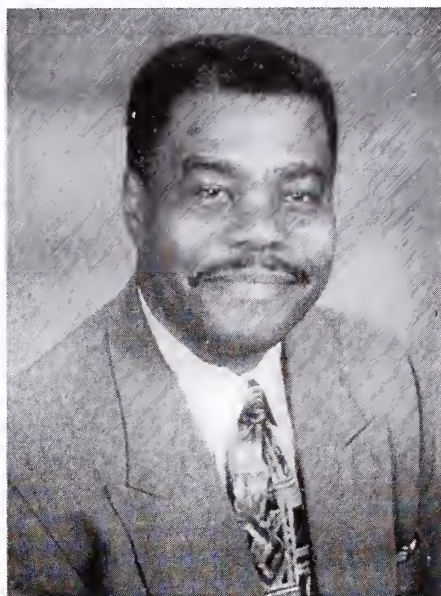
Welcome!

Delbert W. Baker  
President

2006

# OCAA

## **Edward Woods, Jr. President of the Alumni Association**



Welcome to your Alumni Homecoming 2006. Returning to ones Alma Mater after many years causes alumni to celebrate with excitement seeing the development of the campus. The joy of being reunited with roommates, classmates, faculty, and fellow students who were in attendance during your years on campus, awaits you.

Congratulations to the classes of the sixes, this is your special year. We wish also to honor the 1981 graduates as having graduated 25 years ago.

Alumni and friends we must give praises to God for Alumni accomplishments. We see them excel in business, sciences, the medical field, ministry, government, and world renown leaders contributing to world peace.

Alumni, I challenge you to go back home and reassess your commitment to Oakwood College as an alumnus, and determine to give more.

Have a Memorable Weekend.

Ed Woods, Alumni President  
Oakwood College Alumni Association

2006



# OCAA

**Jacquelyn B. Gates**  
**Vice President, Advancement and Development**



Dear Oakwood Family and Friends, welcome to another Alumni Weekend. This year we celebrate Oakwood's 110th anniversary and we have proudly upheld our tradition of service which has facilitated our "Surviving the Storm".

Your commitment to supporting Oakwood College has enriched the educational experiences of our students, expanded the resources of our faculty and staff, and strengthened our efforts to deepen community beyond our campus borders. As we continue to witness His handprint of love and mercy in our daily responsibilities, we are motivated to increase our faith, commitment to excellence and service to others.

As you enjoy the reunion activities of this weekend, we invite you to remember "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

Thank you for your gifts and continued support to our beloved institution.

Jacquelyn B. Gates  
Vice President  
Advancement and Development

2006



**Dr. Sherman Cox**  
**Director of Alumni Relations**



Welcome Back!

A big hello to all!!!

As an Alumni Association member, faculty, staff, friend, or College Board member, you represent what Homecoming is all about. What an exciting time to be part of the Oakwood family! Homecoming is always a special celebration! It is time to renew old friendships and to remember the "Good Old Days". As Director of Alumni Relations and Homecoming Coordinator, I am happy to assist you in any possible way.

For information concerning Homecoming and other Alumni Programs look at our website: [www.oakwood.edu](http://www.oakwood.edu) or you may contact us by calling (256)726-7039. Please visit the Alumni office in Historical East Hall before departing.

We anxiously await your arrival on April 13-16, 2006. Remember our theme for Homecoming, "Surviving The Storm".

# OCAA

## **PASTOR JOHN NIXON** **Vesper Speaker**

### **Pastor John Nixon**



John S. Nixon is the senior pastor of the Oakwood College Church in Huntsville, Alabama where he also teaches in the religion department as an adjunct professor. In addition to his parish duties, Pastor Nixon serves as an associate director of the Ministerial Association of the North American Division.

### **Ministry**

John has been in parish ministry since 1976 serving diverse people in a variety of cities, including New York, Boston, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C. Oakwood College is his second campus assignment. He also served as senior pastor of the Atlantic Union College Church in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. While on the west coast John held the position of vice president of the Southern California Conference.

His service includes experience in media ministry; John has had radio ministries in New York City and Huntsville, Alabama; and is currently seen each

Sunday morning on a local cable television channel.

### **Education**

B.A. in theology from Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama.

M.A. in theology from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA.

D. Min. from the Adventist Seminary at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI.

### **Family**

John is married to the former Januwoina Fields of Orangeburg, South Carolina; a career educator who presently serves as Reading Specialist in the Center for Academic Success at Oakwood College. The Nixons have three adult children: John II (wife-April), a minister serving in South Carolina; Paul, an English teacher at Pine Forge Academy in Pennsylvania; and Clarise, an Oakwood College senior majoring in communications and living at home. The Nixons became grandparents for the first time in February '05 when April gave birth to a son, John Stephen Nixon III, or Third John (T.J.).



2006

# OCAA

## **PASTOR DENNIS ROSS** **Divine Worship Speaker**



Born in New York City and educated in the City school system, Elder Dennis Ross, Jr., heard the voice of God calling him to ministry in 1960, through His servant, Elder E. E. Cleveland. He graduated from Oakwood College in 1966 where he majored in Theology and minored in Social Work. Elder Ross studied at Andrews University and later earned a Master of Divinity degree and a Doctorate of Theology degree from Gulf Coast Seminary.

Having been convinced at an early stage that God was calling him to public evangelism and soul winning, Pastor Ross has co-labored with God to this end for 38 years. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, he and his wife have been witnesses to over 6,000 precious souls accepting Christ and becoming baptized members of God's church family.

He previously pastored in the Northeastern and South Atlantic Conferences and served as Pastor, Evangelist and Ministerial Director in the

Southeastern Conference.

While Pastor Ross has preached the Good News of Salvation to young and old throughout Australia, Europe (including London and Birmingham, England), the Islands of the Sea, Canada and Africa, the inner cities of North America is where his ministry has been largely focused.

Dennis is a voracious reader and a novice golfer who walks regularly. His love for preaching is equaled only by his love for God and family. He and his lovely wife, the former Jacquelyn Croumel of Miami, Florida, have been happily married and are still in love after 38½ years. They are the proud parents of four adult children and seven grand children.

He currently serves as the Evangelism Coordinator/Director at the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists where he has been employed for the past 20 years.

His favorite text is found in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Although Elder Ross has received many awards and accolades in the area of "soul winning," his greatest focus is on hearing the "Well done thou good and faithful servant," uttered by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ the Righteous.



2006



# OCAA

## PASTOR JEROME HURST Youth Speaker



Elder Jerome M. Hurst a fifth generation Seventh-day Adventist was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. His life was greatly influenced by his maternal grandmother, Hurley Frazier Phillips, a retired Adventist Church School Teacher. Elder Hurst has deep roots not only in Adventism but also in Oakwood College. Many of his relatives (T. T. Frazier, Ruth Stafford, J. T. Stafford, Ellen Frazier...) have served Oakwood College over the years.

Elder Hurst attended Walnut Hills High School, where he was a highly sought after football and basketball star. Upon graduation he accepted a football scholarship to a HBC, North Carolina A&T State University. After one year he made his way to Oakwood College.

On June 1, 1986 Elder Hurst graduated with a Major in Elementary Education and a Minor in Theology. Also on that day he married the former Carolyn Henry of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands. To this union was born two beautiful and talented daughters, C. Je'Vern a freshman at Oakwood College and Charde Je'Rie a junior at Pine Forge Academy.

Pastor Hurst has served the church for nineteen years. His initial call was to Ephesus Jr. Academy in Jacksonville, FL. From there he and his wife accepted a call to Golden Gate Academy in Oakland, CA. In 1990 Elder Hurst received a call from his home conference Allegheny West. During his nineteen years he has labored as teacher, principle, pastor and conference education director.

Presently Elder Hurst is pastoring the Hilltop Community Worship Center in Columbus, Ohio. God has richly blessed his ministry there. Over the last four years tithe has increased by \$100,000, and weekly attendance has doubled. In November of 2005 Hilltop moved into its new facility. Along with his pastor responsibilities Elder Hurst has served as the Director of Education for the Allegheny West Conference. A position he has held for seven years.

Elder Hurst has spoken for Week of Prayers, Graduations, Youth Federations, Camp Meetings, and Revivals throughout the U.S., Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. He is a friend of young people as well as those young at heart. In his free time Elder Hurst enjoys traveling, cooking, reading, and playing basketball.

Elder Hurst favorite Bible text is Isaiah 43:18-19, "Remember ye not the former things neither consider the things of old... Behold I will do a NEW THING..." He solicits your prayers as he makes his life available for God's new thing to take place in a through him.



2006



# OCAA

## **DEBORAH CLARK**

### Parent of the Year



The Bible states, that the little child will lead us. This is a true fact for my life. If it wasn't for my children, especially my daughter, Alicia; I would not be the person I am today. Every spiritual growth event in my life has direct correlations to some blessing she received from God.

It was 23 years ago when I received my blessing of a daughter, Alicia D. Shelly, while living in San Diego, CA. Six months after her birth, I received even a greater blessing—I found the truth I had been searching for since I was in High School back in Montgomery, AL. If it wasn't for the need of a good Home Daycare Provider, I would have never found the truth. I met Mrs. Mitchell at a time when I needed to work and I needed someone to care for my daughter. It was 6 months before Alicia was born, that I met her but at the time, Mrs. Mitchell didn't have a spot for her, I had to find someone else to keep her. But my choice for her first sitter didn't work out for me. My sitter called me early one Monday morning and told me she could no longer keep Alicia. I was left in a situation that would mean Alicia would have to go to g Day care at an earlier age I panic but said a quick "help me Lord" prayer while I dialed Mrs. Mitchell's number. I explained the situation and asked her if she could keep Alicia for a couple days, while I looked for another sitter. But God resolved my problem before I could even begin my search. To my surprise, Mrs. Mitchell agreed to keep Alicia on the first day I brought her to the home day care.

There was something different about the Mitchell's household and I wanted some of that joy. So when she extended the invitation to join her for Bible study on Tuesday night, I was so happy. It was when I studied with Mrs. Mitchell that I learned for the first time in my life what path the Lord had for me. I became a member of the 31st Street Seventh-day Adventist Church in San Diego, CA after proving for myself that the Catholic Church didn't have the light. I converted from being a faithful Catholic and I have never regretted my decision. At first there were many challenges and obstacles for me to overcome but I learned that if I studied my Bible, prove everything and most important listen to the Holy Spirit, I would grown spiritually. And indeed I grew in God's favor.

Three years later, I was blest with a son, Anthony Shelly III. Anthony, whose nickname is Tony, was a very active baby. I soon earned the name of the "mother with the active son" by my friends. However, I continued to grow in faith.

I moved to Houston, Texas after my marriage of eight years ended in divorce. It was hard being a single mom with two kids. I had some financial hurdles to overcome. But every time there was an obstacle in our lives, I would pray and God answer. We spent the next six years with the Fondren Seventh-day Adventist Church. I was very active in my Church. I worked mostly in youth programs to support my children needs.

Our next move was to Atlanta, Georgia in 1990. After visiting several of the metro churches, we settled for Shiloh Church. It was here, I watched my daughter become an instrument of God.

I have learned to try God in all things for He has surely blest my daughter. She has graduated from Oakwood and is not studying at Case Western University Medical School. As my son, Tony begins to mature; I can't wait to see what God will do for him.

Remember Proverbs 3:5, 6 "Trust in the Lord and lean not on thy own understanding. Acknowledge Him in all things, and He will direct your path."



2006

# OCAA

## **The South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists**

**Continued Success & God's Blessings to**

***Mrs. Deborah Clark Carter***  
*for the*  
***Family of the Year Award***



***The South Atlantic Conference***  
**of Seventh-day Adventists**  
294 Hamilton E. Holmes Drive, NW  
Atlanta GA 30318

Mailing Address  
P.O. Box 92447  
Atlanta, GA 30314

Phone: (404) 792-0535 / Fax: (404) 792-7817  
Email: [info@southatlantic.org](mailto:info@southatlantic.org)  
Visit us on the web [www.southatlantic.org](http://www.southatlantic.org)

**Vanard J. Mendinghall**  
*President*

**Rhonda Morrison**  
*Under Treasurer*

**Ronald Wright**  
*Executive Secretary*

**David M. Jones**  
*Vice President*

**Ralph Franklin**  
*Assistant to the President*

**Linwood Stone**  
*Treasurer*

**Pennie Lister-Archie**  
*Vice President for Education*

2006

# OCAA

*Congratulations*  
*Deborah Clark-Carter*  
**Parent of the Year**



*Joseph Hinson Chapter*  
*Oakwood College Alumni Association*  
*810 Church Street ♦ Smyrna, Georgia*

**Mrs. Udell Darville, *President***  
**Mr. Tony Gomez, *Vice President***  
**Mr. Craig McPherson, *Treasurer***  
**Mrs. Jennifer Harrison, *Assistant Treasurer***  
**Ms. Darlene Sheardon, *Correspondent Secretary***  
**Ms. Gwendolyn Chaffin, *Recording Secretary***  
**Mrs. Marcia Fraser, *Parliamentarian***  
**Mrs. Donna Gomez, *Chaplain***

2006



# OCAA

Congratulations  
to  
**Deborah Clark**  
Parent of the Year



Dr. & Mrs. Curtis E. Harraway, Jr.  
And Family

Best Wishes  
to  
2006 Parent of the Year  
Deborah Clark



Alfred W. Clark

Congratulations  
and  
Best Wishes  
to

**Deborah Clark**

Parent of the Year



From  
Carolyn T. Hinson  
and  
Family



## ALUMNI DATES



**April 5 - 8, 2007**

**March 20 - 23, 2008**

**April 9 - 12, 2009**

2006



# OCAA

## ***VIOLET THOMPSON***

Alumna of the Year



Violet Hall Thompson was born on November 18th to Alexander and Eliza Hall in Harlem, New York. She attended public school in Harlem for grades 1 to 6, Hudson Elementary and Northeastern Academy for grades 7 to 10, and Oakwood Academy for grades 11 and 12. She received a degree in Home Economics and Chemistry from Oakwood College and an Advanced degree in Special Education at Fordham University.

She was married to Clyde William Thompson who died on December 31, 1984. She has a son, Desmond, a daughter-in-law, Giana and one grandchild, Lalona. She also has 3 adopted daughters and 10 adopted grandchildren.

After the birth of her son, she went back into Harlem and taught in the community for twelve years. She taught in Bronx District 10 until her retirement. She taught for over forty years. Her jobs were enjoyable, fulfilling and many children were blessed.

Her home church was Ephesus SDA in Harlem, NY until 1979. She was an active member serving as a church clerk, AY Secretary, and Asst. Sabbath School for Primary. She transferred her membership to Mount Vernon SDA Church where she was AJY leader, Sabbath School Superintendent, Vacation Bible School Director, Personal Ministry Leader, And Assistant Community Service Leader. In 1995, she was ordained as the first woman elder at Mount Vernon SDA Church.

Violet is a strong supporter of Christian Education. It is her prayer and desire that every child attend church school. She has participated in and led out in many activities that have benefited the community and her church .

She is an active member and supporter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association. She has held several local and national offices. She received the Certificate of Merit Award for Northeastern.

She now resides in Huntsville, Alabama where she volunteers at Oakwood Academy, tutors and mentors Oakwood College students and serves meals at the Madison Mission SDA Church Community Center. She is an "away" mom to the Mount Vernon youth who attend Oakwood College.



2006

# OCAA

**Best Wishes...**  
**Violet Hall Thompson**  
**2006 Alumna of the Year**

**Your service and dedication to the A. Samuel Rashford Chapter, O.C.A.A. makes you the Number One Choice for this outstanding Honor.**

- **May God continue to bless you as you**
- **labor for your Alma Mater and the**
- **Seventh-day Adventist Church.**



**Your friends,**  
**Judge Eardell J. Rashford**  
**and**  
**Mrs. Edna Lett Williamson**

**2006**

# OCAA

## Congratulations Violet Hall Thompson "Alumna of the Year 2006"

- Your loyalty to Oakwood College...
- Your committed service to the Alumni Association
- Your service to the A. S. Rashford Chapter as Regional Vice President and Chaplain and your dedication as Elder in the Mount Vernon S.D.A. Church led to your selection as our Alumna of the Year!

Compliments of  
The officers and members of the A. S. Rashford Chapter  
Of the Oakwood College Alumni Association

Dr. Stennett Brooks - President  
Judge Eardell Rashford and Mr. Carroll Tyler - Vice President  
Virginia Norman and Esma J. Inuka-Rudolph - Secretaries  
Willie Bagby - Chaplain     Pecola Lester - UNCF Dean  
Edna Lett Williamson - Northeastern Regional Vice President  
Henrietta Jackson - Social Secretary



2006



## “Congratulations and Best Wishes”

To: Ellen Turner Bagley and Violet Hall Thompson  
on your achievement.

In loving memory of our Beloved Parents and Brother,  
John T., Mable and Willie G. Watson  
for the sacrifices made toward Christian education.



Lovingly Submitted,

Juanita Mitchell  
Lillian Edwards  
Effie Jean Thompson  
Margie Wilson

You will find as you look back upon  
your life that the moments you have really  
lived are the moments when you have done  
things in the spirit of love.

Henry Drummond



# OCAA

*Dear Violet,*

*Congratulations!*

*"Alumna of the Year"*

*God has blessed you and your family.*

*Best Wishes To You*

*And All*

*2006 Honoree's.*

*One of your first Sabbath School Teachers.*

*Henrietta Sarah Granderson - Jackson*

*And*

*Godrey W. Jackson*

2006

# OCAA

## Congratulations Violet Hall Thompson

We are so proud of you! No one's more deserving of this honor than you. You've always proven to be dedicated, dependable, supportive and trustworthy. We celebrate with you in being "The Alumni of the Year 2006".



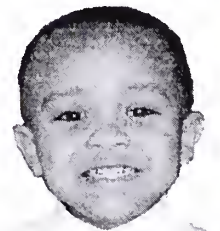
Sylvia West Thomas



Raymond J. Clay



Mr. Raymond and Dr. Elizabeth Clay



Hunter T. Clay

# 2006

# OCAA

**Congratulations!**

**To Our Honoree 2006**

**Violet Hall Thompson**



It is our prayer that God will  
● bless Oakwood College and all  
● who enter with the aim to  
● learn and in departing will  
serve not only their community  
but be ready to meet Jesus in  
the earth made new.

**Your Friends,  
Caswall & Violet Brown**

**2006**

# OCAA

**Congratulations**  
**Violet Hall Thompson**  
**2006 Alumna of the Year**

***"And all our children shall be taught of God, and  
great shall be the peace of our children."***  
**Isaiah 54:13**



***Education Department of the New Rochelle SDA Church***

## **Members**

**Elder Sydney Samuels**  
**Elder Clement Teixeira**  
**Sis. Janice Burton**  
**Sis. Beverly Anglin**  
**Sis. Marjorie Sampson**  
**Sis. Cynthia Cromartie**  
**Sis. Cheryl Sands**

**2006**



# OCAA

## CONGRATULATIONS

to

***MRS. VIOLET HALL THOMPSON***

**Oakwood College Alumna of the Year**

**For your dedication, consistency, and excellent service to your family and community in support of Christian education, in general, and to Oakwood College, specifically.**

**The Oakwood College J. L. Moran Alumni Chapter  
Huntsville, Alabama**

**Hector Mouzon, President  
Lovey Davis Verdun, Secretary  
Alean W. Middleton, Treasurer**

**2006**

# OCAA

## **Congratulations Violet Hall Thompson**

*The aim is the making of persons. The method is the surrender of the will to the leadership of the greatest of persons.*

by  
**William Adams Brown**



**Mrs. Hilda A. Furlow  
Mrs. Theodora Henry  
Ms. Martha J. Dawson  
Mr. Randolph Young  
Mr. David Dawson  
Elder & Mrs. Clement Teixeira**

2006

# OCAA

*Congratulations Sis. Thompson  
for being the recipient of the  
2006 Oakwood College  
Alumni Award.*

*May the Good Lord continue to  
Bless and keep you always.*

*Sis. Cochrane and Grandson, Christian*



2006



# OCAA

**Congratulations and Best Wishes  
To**

***Elder Violet Hall Thompson***

**Caring, Faithful and Dedicated Member  
Christian Mother, Educator and Leader**

**Your warm smile and loving kindness  
spreads joy all around. May God's Spirit  
abide with you always. Continue to achieve  
great things for the Lord.**



**Compliments of the Pastor, Officers and Members of  
Mount Vernon Seventh-day Adventist Church**

**Willis N. Reed, Pastor  
Edward D. Herndon, First Elder**

**230 South Columbus Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550**

**2006**

# OCAA



**Congratulations & Best Wishes  
Oakwood College Alumna of the Year 2006  
Ms. Violet Hall Thompson**

For your unselfish love and unfailing support for our mother, grandmother and great grandmother Alice Bobb-Beckles, during her long illness, "We thank you". It is written in God's Holy Bible, "Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:9, 10. It is our prayer that you will continue to stand as a beacon of light to your family, your community and Oakwood College. As you celebrate this honor, let us remember to focus on the larger picture, the soon return of Our Lord and Savior, "Jesus Christ" to be ready when He returns.

**May God continue to bless you and family. We love you**

**William & Eunice Osborne  
James & Michelle Fields & Family  
David & Cheryl Osborne & Family**

2006

# OCAA

## *Congratulations!!! Violet Hall Thompson*

*The Ladies  
of the*

*Mount Vernon SDA Church  
230 South Columbus Avenue  
Mt Vernon, NY 10550*

*Salute you on this great achievement*

*"Alumna of the Year"*

*Your Faithfulness to Christian Education is Exemplary  
Your commitment to Oakwood College is second to none  
An you love for our young people is outstanding*

*We at Mt Vernon Church pray  
for God's continued guidance.*

*Winsome Dyer-Anthony, Chairperson*

2006



# OCAA

***Congratulations  
to  
Violet Thompson***

**Alumna of the Year**

**You have earned this title.**



**Pastor and Mrs. Lloyd H. Wilson**

---

**To Elder Violet Hall Thompson**



**It gives us great pleasure in wishing you warmest congratulations for being selected as the Oak-wood Alumna of the year 2006. May God bless you as you continue in His service.**

**From  
Elder and Mrs. Clive Baker  
Mt. Vernon SDA Church  
Mt. Vernon, NY**

**2006**

# OCAA

**To My Dear Friend,**

***Elder Violet Hall Thompson***



**May God continue to bless you in  
all of your endeavors.**



**Love,  
Marceline S. Shillingford**

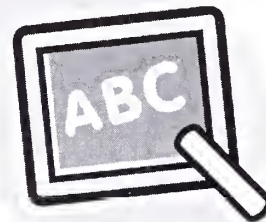
---

Congratulations to ***Elder Violet Hall Thompson*** on this special occasion of your recognition. We share this splendid moment with you and truly appreciate your service and dedication to the Education Committee of the Mount Vernon SDA Church.

May God continue your rich blessings.

**Education Committee Members**

Dr. Winston Silvera - Education Secretary  
Joseph Anthony  
Elder Calder Barrows  
Elder George Coke  
Lilieth Coke  
Elder Edward Herndon  
Dr. Sandra Herndon  
Maria Landell  
Desiree Pindling  
Clara Reed  
Wilhelmina Riley  
Beverley Rowe  
Elder Ernest Whonder  
Willis Reed - Pastor

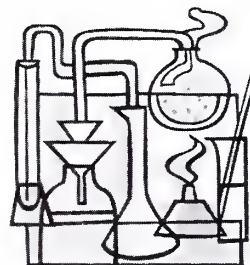


**2006**

# OCAA

**Congratulations to Elder Violet Hall Thompson on your selection as Oakwood College "Alumna of the Year" 2006. You sincerely deserve this honor. Your service, your dedication and contributions in the field of Christian Education is truly noteworthy. May God continue your many blessings.**

**Sincerely  
Dr. Winston Silvera  
NYC Operation Chemistry Project**



**Congratulations and Best Wishes  
to**

***Violet Thompson***

**On being chosen The Alumna of the Year**

**Do not worry about whether the sun will rise;  
be prepared to enjoy it.**



**Becky & Mina**

**2006**



# OCAA

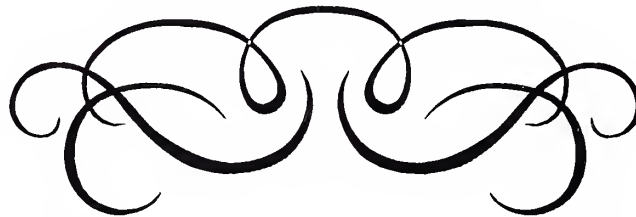
*Congratulations and Best Wishes  
To  
Violet Hall Thompson*

*With grateful appreciation for your many years  
of commitment and sincere love and thoughtfulness  
in God's service.*

*Maavis Allen*

---

**Congratulations  
Violet Hall Thompson  
2006 Alumna of the Year**



**Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bryan**

2006

# OCAA

***Congratulations to Our Alumna  
of the Year 2006***



***Violet Thompson***



***As a loyal member of the A. S. Rashford Chapter of Oakwood College Alumni Association, Violet volunteered to take Rose and me home from the Alumni Meetings in Queens. I will never forget her kindness and thoughtfulness to us.***

***May God continue to bless your efforts in providing the students away from home a holiday dinner.***

***Frances Goodine  
Bronx, New York***

---

**Congratulations  
Sis. T**



**Eunice, Carl, Janice Tuitt**

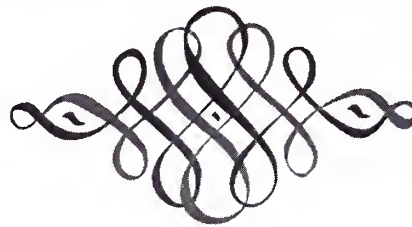
**2006**

# OCAA

## **Violet Thompson**

**Alumna of the Year**

**Congratulations on your great achievement,  
you deserve it. God's Blessings.**



**Love,  
Henry & Judy Bowen & Family**

---

**Best Wishes  
To  
Violet Thompson**

**We would like to congratulate our most Dear Mother  
Thompson for being nominated Alumna of the Year.  
You are always there when we need you. May God  
continue to bless and keep you faithful.**

**Love Always Your Granchildren  
Kenya, Amber, Joseph, Destiny, Danielle, Christian,  
And the Carnegie Family**

**2006**

# OCAA

*Congratulations and Best Wishes*

*to*

*Violet Hall Thompson*



*Love*

*Dr. Joseph and Lilieth Walters and Family*

---

OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS  
TO

**VIOLET HALL THOMPSON**

ALUMNA OF THE YEAR, 2006

FOR MANY YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS  
TO THE OAKWOOD COLLEGE  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

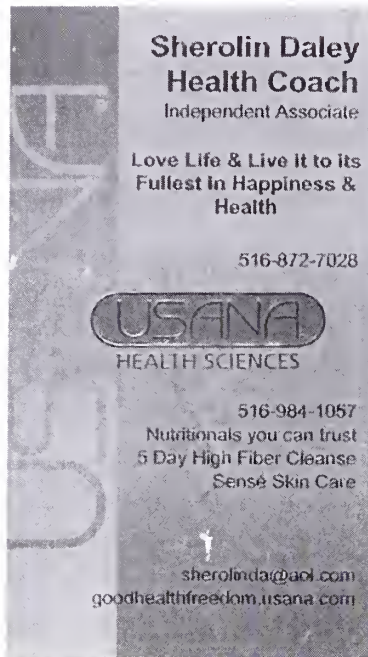


Robert and Miriam Murray  
Greenwood, South Carolina

2006



# OCAA



It is with joy and pleasure that we honor *Sis. Violet Hall Thompson* - Alumna of the Year 2006.

She is a woman with a big heart of love, kindness, generosity, very spiritual and a true mother in Israel!

Violet Hall Thompson is in a class by herself and deserves highest honor not just for what she does but for who she is, through Christ!!!

Respectfully submitted by  
Pastor & Sis. L. A. Daley and family  
Valley Stream, N.Y.

## Congratulations

to

## Violet Hall Thompson

2006 Alumna of the Year



*Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Walters*

# 2006

# OCAA

**Best Wishes  
to  
Violet Hall Thompson**

***May God continue to bless and keep you.***



***Elder Ernest Whonder***

***Congratulations!***

**Violet Hall Thompson**

**2006 Alumna of the Year**

**Desmond and Masie Francis**

**2006**

# OCAA



**Congratulations to Mrs. Violet Hall Thompson**

Your unstinted efforts and hard work on behalf of Oakwood College and the Mt. Vernon, New York SDA Church will always be fondly remembered.

**Onward, Upward, Ever!**

**Dr. Louis Browne**

2006



# OCAA

## Congratulations To

### Violet Hall Thompson

2006 Alumna of the Year.

*"Trust in the Lord with all thine hart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5,6*

## You are the Best!

Warm wishes from the Herndon and Parris Family  
Edward, Sandra, Erika, Elaina, Lester and Langston

---

WARMENST CONGRATULATIONS TO  
**MRS. VIOLET HALL THOMPSON**

ON YOUR SELECTION AS OAKWOOD COLLEGE

2006 ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE BRIGHTEST OF FUTURES

SINCERELY

DR. CEDRIC HEATH, CSA  
Certified Senior Advisor®  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

2006



# OCAA

*Congratulations!*

*Violet Hall Thompson*

*God bless you Real  
Good.*

*We Love You*

*Udell*

*Would you like to meet a woman  
who is a people-person? Who  
loves the Lord and spends her  
days/nights giving and sharing.  
Mrs. Violet Hall Thompson is  
that woman. She is a Dorcas in  
her own rights.*

*May God continue to bless you  
as you bless others.*



Eileen Jackson

*Congratulations*

*Violet Hall Thompson*



*Best Wishes Always  
Hyacinth A. Allison*

Congratulations  
*Violet Hall Thompson*

2006  
Alumna of the Year



Maisie Henry

2006

# OCAA

Congratulations  
to  
**Violet Thompson**

**2006**  
**Alumna of the Year**



**Wesley and Loretta Swaby  
and Family**

**In Loving Memory  
Of  
Donald Chambers**  
  
**Beloved Son and Brother**

**Sadly missed  
Gone but not forgotten**



**Mother and Sister**

**Congratulations!**

***Violet Hall Thompson***  
Alumna of the Year  
for Oakwood College

and

***Ellen Turner Bagley***  
Certificate of Merit Honoree  
for Southeastern Conference



**Dr. & Mrs. Charles E. Campbell**

***Best Wishes  
To  
Violet Thompson***  
  
***2006 Alumna of the Year***



***Pastor and Mrs. M. M. Young***

**2006**

# OCAA

**To Honoree  
Violet Hall Thompson**

**May God bless you as you  
continue to work in His  
vineyard**



**Your Friend  
Isadora Edgecombe Robinson**

**VIOLET THOMPSON  
CONGRATULATIONS**



**IN MEMORY OF MY SISTER  
ANNIE KING**

**MARY MOBLEY**

*Violet Thompson  
The Alumnus of the Year*

*Congratulations  
&  
Best Wishes*

*You Have been an  
inspiration to so many*

*Evangeline Myrie  
New Rochelle, New York*



**Congratulations and Best Wishes**

**To**

**Violet Thompson  
Alumnus of the Year**

**We Love You  
God Bless**

**Love  
Lawrence and Alecia Wells**

**2006**

# OCAA

## ***Congratulations to Violet***



***Thanks for your constant  
support during registration***

***Marie Seard***

### ***HONOR AND TRIBUTE TO VIOLET HALL THOMPSON***

*It is not usual to have such an esteemed honor to say "kudos" to Mrs. Violet Hall Thompson. Her selection as one of the 2006 Awardees of the Oakwood College Alumni Association is not only mere approval, but in recognition of her sterling contribution and passionate conviction to Christ centered learning and development.*

*Motherly, loving, kind, generous, and considerate, are just a few adjectives that paint her character, add aptly bear testament of her tireless service to the mentoring of youth and young adults in the churches and communities she tirelessly serves and mentors.*

*I take this opportunity to unreservedly applaud her for this well earned honor and achievement.*

*Lovingly,  
Roslyn Morris*

Congratulations  
to  
***Violet Thompson***  
for being chosen  
***Alumna of the Year***  
and for the many  
years spent in  
educating your people.

*Love  
Cullen, Claudette Phipps  
and Family*

***Congratulations  
to you***

***Violet Hall Thompson***

***Your selection as  
The Alumna of the Year  
2006***

***A well deserved honor***

***Edward & Grace Phipps***

2006



# OCAA

**In Memory  
of  
*Milton E. Beazer***



**Congratulations  
Violet Hall Thompson**

**Ruth Beazer**

**Best Wishes  
to  
*Violet Hall Thompson*  
Alumna of the Year**



**G. S. South**

*Congratulations  
Violet Hall Thompson  
Alumna of the Year  
2006*



*Ellen Turner Bagley*

**Congratulations  
to you  
*Violet H. Thompson***

**On being selected as the  
Oakwood College  
Alumna of the Year 2006**

**A well deserved honor!**

**Your friends,  
Edward and Grace Phipps**

2006

# OCAA

## **Violet Hall Thompson** **2006 Alumna of the Year**

  
**Congratulations**  
**and**  
**Best Wishes**



**Roy & Daphnie Forbes**



Congratulations Elder Violet Thompson. Indeed we are very proud of you and all that has been done to the glory of God. Your ministry to the Mount Vernon S.D.A. Church has been a blessing in many areas.

Like the beautiful African violet flower, your life has brought joy to your family, community and especially the youth. Continue to bloom where you are planted.

May God bless you abundantly as you continue your ministry of helping to uplift humanity.

**Pastor & Mrs. Willis N. Reed**



*In Loving Memory*  
*Of*  
*Rev. Montague Thompson, Sr.*  
*Mother Cena Thompson*  
*Bro. Montague Thompson, Jr.*  
*Deacon Clyde Thompson*

*Your lives have been beacon lights in our lives. We know we will see you again. You indeed loved the Lord.*

*Cove,*  
*Your Family*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Leo Sadler*  
*Sergio, Tracy and Tyler*

*Best Wishes*  
*To*  
*Violet Hall Thompson*

*Oakwood College*  
*Alumni Association*  
*2006 Alumna of the Year*



*Tillman and Diane Ward*

2006

# OCAA

*Violet Hall Thompson*



***Congratulations on reaching  
another milestone in life.  
May God continue to  
guide you.***

**Lynette & Sterling Cox**

***Congratulations  
Violet***

***Keep up the good works.  
May God bless and keep you.***

**Joseph & Willie Dean Champen**



**Congratulations  
Violet Hall Thompson  
Alumna of the Year**

**Abraham, Sheila & Demer  
Bramble**



**THANK YOU**

**To all the honorees  
for their hard work!**

**2006**

# OCAA

*Congratulations  
Violet Hall Thompson*



*Rita Pearce*

**Congratulations  
Violet Hall Thompson**



**Monroe's Marbles**  
Donald W. Monroe, Jr., Inventor  
3201 Rita Lane  
Huntsville, AL 35810  
Phone: 256-457-2509  
Email: dionny2@comcast.net

"THINKING MADE FUN"



[www.inventions.com](http://www.inventions.com)  
A Puzzle Game  
for  
Adults & Children

***Congratulations  
Violet Hall Thompson***

**We love and appreciate you.**

**Margaret Bell Dennison  
And Family**

**Best Wishes  
Violet Hall Thompson  
2006 Alumna of the Year**

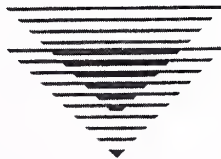


**James E. Brown**

**Congratulations  
to**

**Violet Hall Thompson**

You have served well and so this award is well deserving. May God continue to bless you, as you continue to serve Him.



**Joseph, Winsome, and Richard Anthony**

**2006**



# OCAA

*Congratulations  
Mrs. Violet H. Thompson  
On being honored as  
The Alumna of the Year 2006*



*Sincerely,  
Georgia Oakes*

**Congratulations  
Violet Hall Thompson**



**Bernard Smalls**

*Congratulations  
Violet Hall Thompson*

*God Bless You!*



*Thomasine L. Wright*

**Congratulations  
Alumna of the Year**



**God Bless!  
Mervyn & Barbara Warren**

*Congratulations  
To  
Cousin Violet*



*Love,  
Christine Atwood  
And Family*

**Best Wishes**

**Violet Hall Thompson**



**Helen Bett McRae**

**Congratulations  
to  
Violet Thompson**



**June Goulbourne-Anderson**

**Congratulations  
Violet Thompson  
2006 Alumna of the Year**



**Rosalie Louis**

2006

# OCAA

## Dr. DeWitt Williams Alumnus of the Year



Dr. DeWitt S. Williams has had a very long and dedicated commitment to Oakwood College, one that has endured for a half century

DeWitt Williams was born in a very humble home in South Philadelphia, PA. Although he was a very good student he never thought he would have enough money to attend college. On the night he graduated from his high school, he learned that he was the recipient of two scholarships that would enable him to go to college.

With praise on his lips and a dream in his heart, he left to attend Oakwood College in 1957. He majored in Theology and served as the United Student Movement (USM) president as well as editor-in-chief of the Yearbook (Acorn) and a writer on the newspaper staff (Spreading Oak). While attending Oakwood college, he met his wife-to-be, "Miss Oakwood," the former Margaret Norman from Dallas, Texas. The two fell in love and dated the entire four years of their college life and were married soon after graduation in 1962 (both with high honors).

After a one year teaching stint at Pine Forge Academy, the couple drove north to Andrews University Theological Seminary where he furthered his education by obtaining a Masters degree in Theology. While pastoring in Oklahoma City, he received a call to go to Africa as a missionary, but was in the middle of an evangelistic effort. He received his second call when he was busy building the Tenth Street Seventh-day Adventist Church. As soon as the new edifice was built, they packed up their few possessions and headed for the Congo. Just before leaving for the mission field, they were blessed with their first daughter, Deatrice.

While in Africa, Pastor Williams' family increased when he was blessed with his second child, Darnella, who was born in Lubumbashi, Congo. Upon completion of his five year term, Pastor Williams matriculated at Indiana University where he had received a fellowship in African Linguistics. His wife completed her second Masters Degree in Education at Indiana University. In 1974 just as he was starting to write his

dissertation he received a call to the General conference Communication Department. He would be the first African American in this capacity. After receiving his doctorate in Education and Linguistics he started traveling all over the world conducting minority writer's workshops and encouraging church members and minorities, especially, to write more articles and books.

Dr. Williams has written three books that extol the Adventist faith and Oakwood College. His first book, *She Fulfilled the Impossible Dream* commemorates the achievements of Dr. Eva B. Dykes, the first African American woman to receive her Ph.D. Oakwood has named their library after this outstanding educator. He co-authored a book about another Oakwoodite, *For His Honor*, a story about a presidential honor guard and his faith. The soldier, Terry Johnson is now a pastor at Sligo, one of the largest churches in North America. Dr. Williams also co-authored *Profiles of Service* with the president of Oakwood College, Dr. Delbert Baker, which commemorates the achievements of Black leaders of the Adventist Church, most of whom are graduates of Oakwood College.

While serving in the Communication Department of the General Conference Dr. Williams received another call to return to Africa to be the president of one of the largest territories of the Adventist church, the Central African Union, which comprised the countries of Rwanda and Burundi. Upon returning to America he was called once more to the General Conference, this time in the Health and Temperance Department where he served as Associated Director from 1983 until 1990 and then as Director of the same department in the North American Division from 1990 to the present.

Dr. Williams sent his two daughters to Oakwood, a must criteria in the Williams home. His eldest daughter continued the family tradition of graduating with high honors. After graduating from Loma Linda University Medical school she now practices medicine in Dayton, OH. His youngest daughter followed her father's footsteps and attended Andrews University where she obtained a Masters Degree in Education and is now a teacher. Dr. Williams has never let go of his love for Oakwood College. He and his wife are members of the Committee of 100 and have donated thousands of dollars to their first love. Both of them are Life Members of OCAA and members of the Metro DC Chapter. Every year, he and his wife faithfully attend and contribute to Alumni meetings. His brothers Clinton and Richard and his wife's sister Pearl Norman are also Oakwoodites.

The motto of Oakwood College is "Enter to learn, depart to serve". The Williams family, with God's help, have served the Adventist Church all over the world for many years. It is their desire to see other young people equipped and qualified to serve God, country, and humanity. They believe in education, Oakwood style. They believe that Oakwood College is the place that will prepare others for service and the soon coming of our Savior.



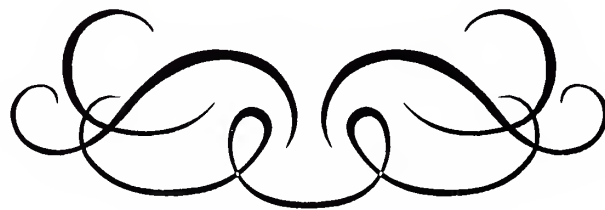
2006

# OCAA

**Congratulations**  
to  
**Dr. DeWitt Williams**  
**Alumnus of the Year—2006**

**We appreciate your making good every  
promise you made in support of the  
Association and your local chapter.**

**We know we can continue to count on  
you as we re-establish our chapter.**



**Metro DC Chapter**  
**Brian Woods, Chairperson**  
**Stacia Dulan, Public Relations**

**2006**

# OCAA

## **Florida Hospital Congratulates a Whole-Person Health Pioneer.**

**Dr. DeWitt Williams  
Class of 1962**



**FLORIDA  
HOSPITAL**

**2006**



# OCAA

*In Loving Memory  
Of  
My Wife  
Brenda L. Hall Street*



**Congratulations  
Dr. DeWitt Williams  
My Oakwood College Roommate**

**James H. Street, Jr.**

2006

# OCAA

## Adventist Association

### *Equipping Churches for Effective Health Ministry*

We are grateful for this opportunity to express our profound appreciation for Dr. DeWitt Williams, as a friend and as the Director of Health Ministries for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. In this capacity, he is a continuing source of encouragement and support for the rapid growth of CHIP Ministry in more than 200 churches around North America.

Dr. Williams has consistently invited us to be a part of major North American Division health ministry training events, including:

Health Summit Orlando 2002  
Health Summit Orlando 2003  
Health Summit Orlando 2004  
Health Summit Orlando 2005  
Health Summit Orlando 2006  
Health Summit West 2004  
Health Summit West 2005

At CHIP Summit 2004 in Vancouver, BC, Dr. Williams shared a compelling message with the nearly 300 CHIP leaders present from around North America.

We are thankful for the foundation Dr. Williams received at Oakwood College on which he has built a lifelong ministry of reaching people for Jesus. The effects of his life work can only be measured in eternity. We give thanks to God who will ultimately receive the honor and glory for what this man is doing to improve the health of thousands. One glad day soon we believe he will hear from the greatest Healer of all time those blessed words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!"

Thank you, Dr. Williams, for the faithful support you have given to all health ministry programs, including CHIP. We have been blessed and are forever grateful!

**Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP®)**

[info@adventistchip.org](mailto:info@adventistchip.org)

1-866-732-2447

[www.adventistchip.org](http://www.adventistchip.org)

2006

# OCAA

## **Congratulations!**

***Dr. Williams***



**We are proud of you. You are the best.**

**May God continue to bless you.**

**Love from your three girls.**

**Margaret, Deitrice and Darnella**

**2006**

# OCAA

## **The Chapman Family**

*extends*

**WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS**

**to**

**Dr. DeWitt Williams**

**Oakwood College Alumnus of the Year**



**Thank you for your dedicated service to  
God, your Family, the Church and God's  
people world-wide. You have blessed  
many with your many talents.**

**MAY YOU BE BLESSED TO CONTINUE**

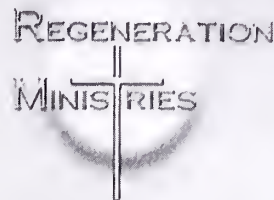
**2006**



# OCAA

## Christ-Centered 12-Step Recovery Program

Regeneration recognizes Jesus Christ as our Highest Power.  
We believe that surrender to Christ can liberate us from  
the bondage of our addictions, compulsions, and obsessions.



*Dr. DeWitt Williams,*

*Congratulations on your selection by the Oakwood College Alumni Association as the Alumnus of the Year for Homecoming 2006. Thank you for your encouragement, guidance and faithful service on behalf of Adventist Regeneration Ministries. It has been an honor for us to be considered as an integral part of the North American Division Health Ministries.*

*Faithful Servants in Christ, Adventist Regeneration Ministries*

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38 (NIV)*

# SAVED & SERVE

NAD Health Ministries/Adventist Regeneration Ministries

## 3rd Annual Leadership Conference

### April 20-22, 2006

#### April 20-21

Seventh-day Adventist World Headquarters  
12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD

#### April 22

Sligo SDA Church  
7700 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD  
11:15 am - Sabbath Celebration,  
Pastor Ron Halvorsen Jr.  
Afternoon Seminars and Victory Concert

Registration fee: \$30 per person  
For registration: [www.plusline.org](http://www.plusline.org) or  
call 800-732-7587

#### Tracks:

Regeneration Ministries 20th Anniversary Celebration  
Facilitator Certification Training  
Assemblies for Fellowship Group Leaders  
12-step Group Orientation in Spanish  
Regen-Teen Support Group Training

#### Featured Speakers include:

Dr. DeWitt Williams, Director of Health Ministries,  
North American Division  
Regeneration Fellowship Speakers  
Hal Gates, Founder/Director of Regeneration Ministries  
Associate Pastor Willie Boyd, Community Praise Center,  
Alexandria, VA, Sexual Addiction Counselor



North American Division  
Health Ministries

For more information: [www.adventistrecoveryministries.org](http://www.adventistrecoveryministries.org)  
Call (240) 481-9117 or (301) 592-1467  
Adventist Regeneration Ministries, 501 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910

2006

# OCAA



**The Review and Herald Publishing Association**

**congratulates**

*Dr. De Witt Williams*

**Oakwood College 2006 Alumnus of the Year**

The Review and Herald has more than 800 active book titles of inspirational and health-related topics, including Arthur Maxwell's ten-volume set of *The Bible Story*. We also print textbooks for our parochial school system, and more than forty different magazines and journals, including:

- *Adventist Review*, our general church paper
- *Message*, a journal of contemporary Christian issues, targeted to a multicultural audience
- *Vibrant Life*, a Christian guide for total health
- *Liberty*, a leading magazine promoting the separation of church and state.

We are delighted to serve you in any way, providing your printing needs and making our material available through your local Adventist Book Center. Remember that the Adventist publishing work is to play a major evangelistic role as we near Christ's coming. Thank you for your prayers and support of this vital arm of our church. Visit our Web site at [www.rhpa.org](http://www.rhpa.org).

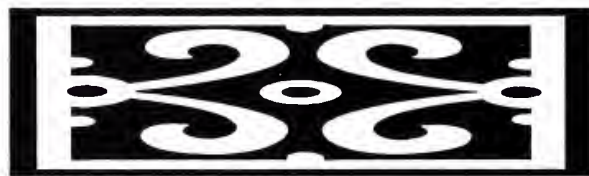
2006

# OCAA

## CONGRATULATIONS!

**DR. DEWITT WILLIAMS**

Oakwood College  
Alumnus of the Year



**THE ALLEN FAMILY**

Willie F. Allen

Joyce Allen Allison, MD

Robin Allen

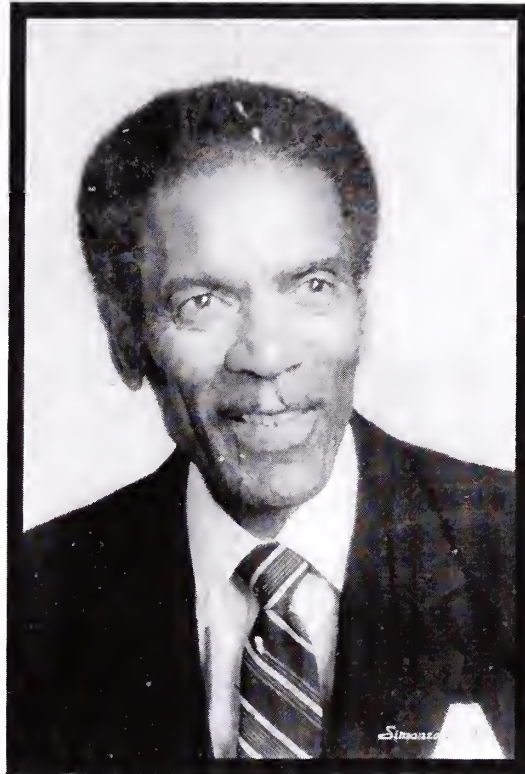
Pamela S. Allen, MD

2006



# OCAA

*In Memory  
of  
Elder Edward Dorsey*



**Educator, Evangelist, Church Administrator,  
Minister, Mentor, Missionary  
A faithful, Devoted Husband, Father, Grandfather  
And Friend**

**Lovingly Submitted by his family  
Dorothy D. Dorsey, Joyce Dorsey Martin  
Normal, Kyle & Neal Martin  
The Russells and Harris-Nesbitt**

2006



# OCAA

## CONGRATULATIONS!

DR. DEWITT STANTON WILLIAMS

*Director, Health Ministries*

*NAD*

Oakwood College Alumnus  
2006



*"A contented mind, a cheerful spirit, is health to the  
body and strength to the soul."*

*1 Th 703*

*To Our Brother and Uncle With love,  
James and Sophie Busch & Family  
Morgan and Lois Williams & Family  
Clinton and Joyce Williams & Family  
Richard and Linda  
Lisa Williams & Family*

2006

# OCAA

**High Honors and Congratulations**

**To**

***Dr. DeWitt Williams***

**Oakwood College 2006**

**Alumnus of the Year**

**From Oakwood College to the  
North American Division DeWitt  
continues to find ways to excel in  
all of his endeavors.**

**TRIUMPHANT □ VICTORIOUS □ SUCCESSFUL**

*Alvin & Gloria (1965) Singleton*

**2006**

# OCAA

## THE COUNCIL ON SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP (COSAL)

Is very Pleased

To Have As One Of Its Members

*Dr. DeWitt S. Williams*

We Are Delighted That He Is The Alumnus of the Year

for Homecoming 2006

His Impeccable Leadership as Director of Health Ministries  
for the North American Division  
of the Seventh-day Adventist Church  
is Worthy of Modeling

*DeWitt,*

**Your COSAL Colleagues Join With Others in Honoring You**

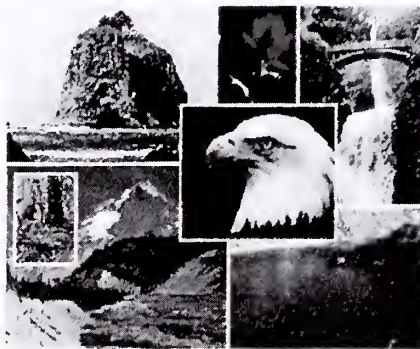
C. Garland Dulan, President  
Alvin Kibble, Vice President  
Reger Smith, Jr., Secretary  
Rosa T. Banks, Treasurer

James Black  
Charles D. Brooks  
Sebert Heriry  
Roscoe Howard  
J. Alfred Johnson  
Carlos Medley

Willie Oliver  
George Pelote  
Melvin Seard  
James Vines  
Ivan Leigh Warden  
Paula Webber

2006

# OCAA



CONGRATULATIONS

TO

DR DeWITT WILLIAMS

OAKWOOD COLLEGE ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR—2006

The North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is privileged to have this opportunity to express appreciation to Dr. DeWitt Williams for his effective service rendered on behalf of the NPUC office and its constituents. The vision, consultation and influence of his leadership at the North American Division have brought the Health Ministries Department services to a new level.

In addition to the comprehensive view of health issues to be addressed at this time, Dr. Williams has established a vehicle to impact the grass roots of the Church and the communities which it serves. Health Summit West is now an established training event which is touching thousands of lives in communities throughout the Northwest. The annual summits have added a visible, pervasive and enduring quality to the vitality of health ministry training.

Thank you, Dr. Williams, on behalf of all your colleagues and partners in health here in the Pacific Northwest. We are indebted to you and thank you for your enthused leadership in the service of the Master.

2006



# OCAA

**Congratulations**  
**to**  
***DeWitt Williams***

**Oakwood College**  
**Alumnus of the Year**



***“In all thy ways  
acknowledge Him, and  
He shall direct thy paths.”***  
**Proverbs 3:6**

**Oliver and Bonnie McKinney**

**2006**

# OCAA



## CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
ROOM 215 CITY HALL  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19107-3295  
(215) 686-2181  
FAX (215) 686-2180

JOHN F. STREET, ESQUIRE  
MAYOR

# Congratulations

To My Longtime Friend

**Dr. DeWitt Williams**  
**Oakwood College Alumnus of the Year -2006**

I am happy to celebrate with you this  
prestigious and well-deserved honor. Best wishes!

---

The Honorable John F. Street, Esquire, Mayor  
City of Philadelphia

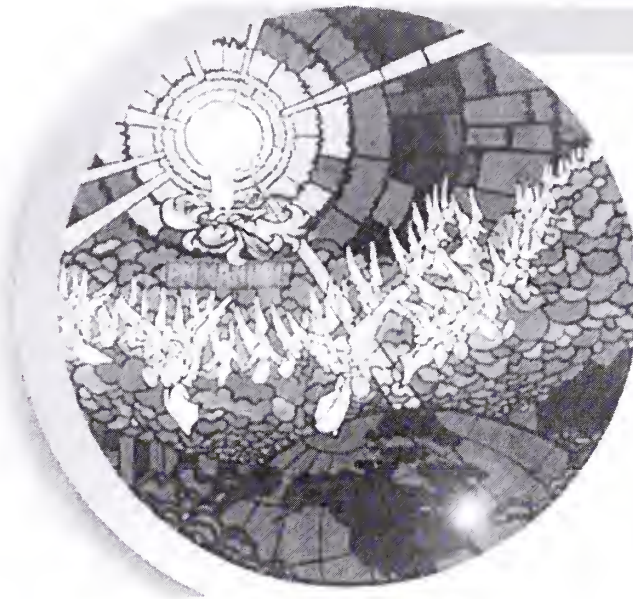


# 2006

# OCAA

## **Congratulations Dr. DeWitt Williams**

**2006 Alumna of the Year**



**Emmanuel Brinklow S.D. A. Church**  
**Ashton, Maryland**

**Marcellus Robinson, Senior Pastor**  
**Gary Wimbish, Executive Pastor**  
**Noah Washington, Assistant Pastor**

**2006**

# OCAA

## CONGRATULATIONS DR. WILLIAMS!!

From Sandia Lister Waller, MS.RD.  
Oakwood Alumna 90'

Author of the book:

**"The Daniel Diet: Preface to Prophecy"**

**Interested in weight control?** You may place your order today  
**for this book of answers to your questions!**

Send your check for \$14.95 plus \$5.00 s&h for a total of **\$19.95** to:

***TP (Total Person) Books, Inc.  
RE: Order for The Daniel Diet  
3475 Reamer Road  
Lapeer, Michigan 48446***

Want faster service? Order with credit card from our secure website:  
[www.tpbooks.org](http://www.tpbooks.org)

# Congratulations!

***Dr. Dewitt S. Williams, Director***

Health Ministries, NAD

**OAKWOOD ALUMNUS of the YEAR**

***Morrage Coleman & Family  
Rachel Williams & Mother  
Vikki and Russ  
Danielle Williams***

2006



# OCAA

## Congratulations Dr. Dewitt Williams

"Alumnus Of The Year"

It is true, good things "do"  
happen to great people !

Enjoy the love, laughter,  
and limelight that is yours today!

Among many other things, we remember the excellent pastoral leadership you gave to our family in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. in the Sixties. We are so happy for you!

Mrs. Minneola W. Dixon, Oakwood College Archivist  
Mr. J. Philip Williams, Oakwood Academy Professor  
Mr. Dwayne L. Williams, Prometheus Laboratory Consultant  
Ms. Denise M. Williams, Self-employed  
Mr. Mark L. Williams, Music Writer & Music Production

---

### DR. DEWITT WILLIAMS

**Congratulations on this noteworthy  
award extended to you!**

**From Your Friends,  
Kerry and Natanja Hensley**

(Recipients of your dynamic presentation at the Burbank, IL SDA Church)

2006

# OCAA

*Congratulations to the Reverend Dr. Dewitt Williams! The experiences I shared with you, your wife Margaret, and daughters Dietrice and Darnella some 25 years ago in Bujumbura, Burundi, remain the fondest of memories. I knew you were one of a kind. May God continue to bless you.*



*Sincerely,  
Bernadette M. Allen  
U. S. Ambassador to the Republic of Niger*

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. DEWITT WILLIAMS**

**On Your Selection As  
ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR**



**From  
Abington High School  
Class of '57**

## **Congratulations Dr. Dewitt Williams**



**Cleve Williams M.D., J. D., MPH  
Medical Director  
Potomac Job Corps Center  
Washington, D.C.**

Congratulations

**Dr. Dewitt Williams**  
Alumnus of the Year



Skip and Lyn MacCarty

Stress Management Resources  
Through The Health Connection  
1-800-548-8700

2006

# OCAA



**Congratulations to Dr. DeWitt Williams from your associates in the American Council on Alcohol Problems. The leadership in the thirty-two state affiliates takes great pride in your many accomplishments.**

*Best Wishes  
to  
Dr. DeWitt Williams  
Alumna of the Year*

*May God continue to  
bless you as you  
faithfully serve Him.*

*Morrave D. Coleman*



## INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ORIGINAL MEDICINE

A Christian Distance Learning Institute of Higher Education

**The original medicine concept was developed to distinguish our educational program, using God's Natural Healing Plan, from other schools of higher learning.**

IIOM provides a full spectrum of offerings designed to empower personal self-improvement and professional aspirations. Our courses give you a deeper appreciation of how we are fearfully and wonderfully made in the image and likeness of God. We are confident that you will find our program to be one of the most diversified programs available in the field of natural healing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS:**

Nutritional Consultant  
Body Temple Specialist

**DEGREED PROGRAMS:**

Bachelor's, master's, doctorate

Contact Information

Elisa Sharps, CCH, CNC, Executive Director  
Jim Sharps, ND, PhD ~ President  
[www.iiomonline.com](http://www.iiomonline.com) ~ (410) 884-9319

2006



# OCAA

**Congratulations to our supporter  
& Oakwood Alumnus of the Year**

***Dr. DeWitt Williams***

**The Great American Meatout  
MEATOUT.org 800 MEATOUT**

**Congratulations  
Dr. DeWitt Williams  
2006 Alumnus of the Year**



**Daniel & Anita Bedell**

**Congratulations  
Dr. DeWitt Williams**

**Barbara J. Frazier  
*Sassy Vegan  
for Food Products,  
Service. and Information***

**Dr. DeWitt Williams  
Alumnus of the Year**



**Thanks for allowing the  
Lord to use you! You make  
Philly proud!**

**Gwen and Allen Foster  
Philadelphia, PA**



**Optimum Community Education  
Professional Health Seminars**

**Clementine H. Collins R.N.  
Director**

801-81 Street South  
Birmingham, AL 35206

Home/ 205-833-4904  
Cell /205-213-9001  
The 7th Day Is The Sabbath Exd.20 :8-11  
chcrn@bellsouth.net

**CONGRATULATIONS  
BEST WISHES  
TO  
DR. DEWITT S. WILLIAMS  
ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR  
2006**

**"Seest thou a man diligent in his business" he shall  
stand before kings..." Proverbs 22:29**

**Lona Nell Lea  
Columbia, Maryland**

**Oakwood College**

**1896-2006**

**2006**



# OCAA

## **ELLEN TURNER BAGLEY**

### **Certificate of Merit Southeastern Conference**



Ellen Turner Bagley was born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Now, she resided in Riviera Beach, Florida. She is the third child of eight children born to the late Norris and Mattie Mae Turner.

Mrs. Bagley attended Florida public and Seventh-day Adventist schools. She graduated from Oakwood Academy in 1953 and from Oakwood College in 1958, with a degree in Biology and Secondary Education. From childhood, her ambition was to teach. Mrs. Bagley thanks God for Oakwood because it influenced her to influence others. She says, "I entered Oakwood College to learn to be a teacher; I departed Oakwood College to serve as a teacher."

While teaching at Ramah Junior Academy in Cleveland, Ohio, and in the Cleveland public school system, she continued her education at Cleveland State University and obtained a Masters Degree in School Curriculum Studies and School Administration.

Midway through her career, Ellen moved with her family to Florida. She continued to educate as a teacher, administrator, and assistant principal at Boca High School and West Palm Beach High School in the Florida Public School System.

After retiring from the Florida Public School

System, she received a call to be the principal of Oakwood Academy. With pleasure, she accepted. She considered this as a call from God for her to return to his work at the academy from which she had graduated.

A few years later, she returned to Florida and was appointed principal of Palm Beach Bilingual Seventh-day Adventist School in Riviera Beach, Florida.

In 2005, after 46 years in education, Mrs. Bagley had a second retirement. Palm Beach Bilingual Seventh-day Adventist School, though, has captured her heart and she continues to volunteer there almost daily.

Mrs. Bagley says that much faith, the prayers of a caring husband of 44 years, Elder James Bagley, and her children Eileen, Darlene (husband – Will), Samuel (wife – Margo), and Nikki (who she reared and educated from age 6), all of whom attended Oakwood College, helped her accomplish her goals.

Mrs. Bagley has served her church faithfully as a teacher in the Adult and Youth Sabbath Schools, as a mentor, women's day speaker, and in most other areas of the church. Although Ellen has received standing ovations, plaques, and other awards for the work that she has done on earth, she concludes with, "I look forward to a greater reward in heaven with stars in my crown, and those who will say, 'It was you who invited me her.'"



2006

# OCAA

## OAKWOOD ADVENTIST ACADEMY

K-12

Sends congratulations to

*Ellen Turner Bagley*

Where Teachers **T**each,  
Students **L**earn,  
And **C**hrist is Supreme



### Our Mission

**D**evelop

**N**urture &

**A**ffirm (DNA) students for an eternity of service to  
God, and a Lifetime of service to humanity.

*God bless and Best wishes  
From  
Principal Gilbert Cooper  
And the  
Oakwood Adventist Academy K-12 Faculty and Staff*

7000 Adventist Blvd.  
Huntsville, AL 35896  
(256) 726-7010

2006

# OCAA

*Congratulations*

*to*

*Ellen Turner Bagley*

2006 Certificate of Merit  
Northeastern Conference



*Vivian A. Gray*

2006

# OCAA

## Southeastern Conference OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

*Congratulates*

**Mrs. Ellen Turner Bagley**

2006 Oakwood Alumni Honoree

*May the fellowship experienced on this occasion be a  
pleasant and lasting memory.*

The Officers and Staff of Southeastern Conference

Willie L. Taylor  
President

Hubert J. Morel, Jr.  
Secretary



1701 Robie Avenue  
Mt. Dora, Florida 32757-6339  
(352)735-3142 \* [WWW.SECSDA.ORG](http://WWW.SECSDA.ORG)

2006



# OCAA



*Congratulations Ellen Bagley  
for your deserving recognition.*

*God has used you through the  
years to be an instrument of  
blessing to His children.*

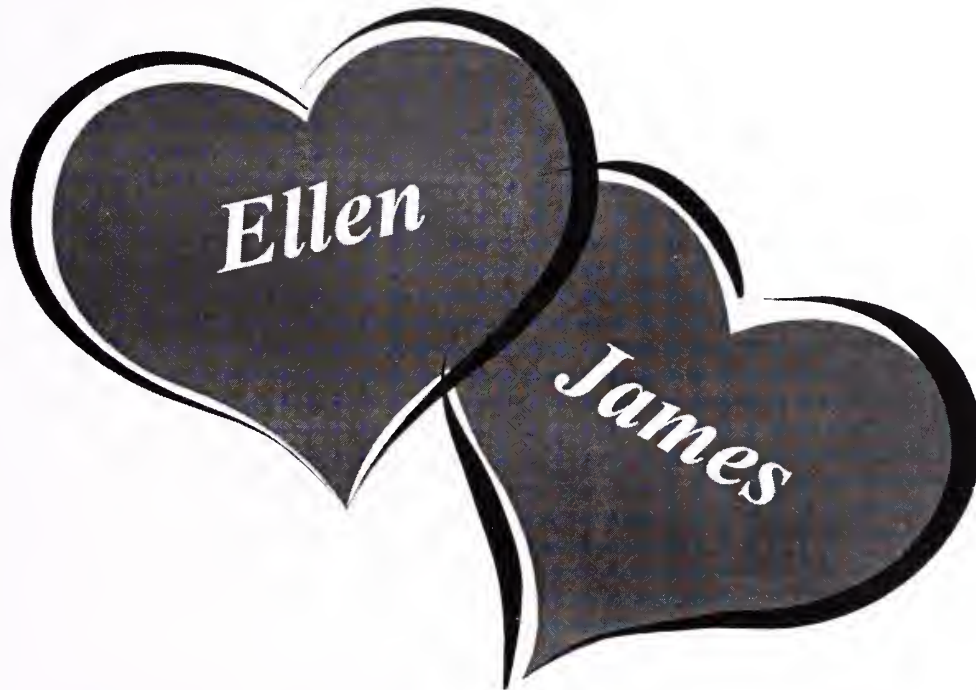
*I pray that you will continue to  
be used of God for His service.*

*God bless,  
Allie Valentine*

2006

**OCAA**

*Congratulations  
To  
My Wife  
Ellen Turner Bagley*



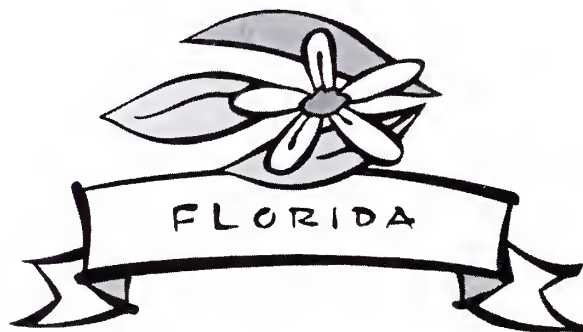
*From  
Your Loving Husband  
James Bagley*

**2006**

# OCAA

**CONGRATULATIONS  
ELLEN TURNER BAGLEY**

**Certificate of Merit  
Southeastern Conference**



**Orlando Alumni Chapter  
Ms. Harriet Howard  
Mr. Christopher Howard**

**2006**

# OCAA

**A Page of Well - Wishes**  
**for**  
**Ellen Turner Bagley**  
*Certificate of Merit*  
*Southeastern Conference*

*Congratulations*  
Karen Hill

*Best Wishes*  
Anthony Lewis

*God Bless You*  
Louis Johnson

*With Sincere Appreciation*  
Selwyn and Ivett Ash

*"We Applaud Your Great Work!"*  
Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Bookhardt

*"Keep Up The Good Work!"*  
Harriet Howard

*"Thank You For Your Years of Service"*  
Christopher Howard

*"Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow"*

2006



# OCAA

**ELLEN TURNER BAGLEY**  
**Certificate of Merit**  
**Southeastern Conference**

**Salutes You!**

**The Oakwood College Alumni Association**  
**Greater Orlando Chapter**

**Ola Dawson - Bookhardt, President**  
**Julia Howard, Regional Vice-President**

**Members**

Ivett Ash	Harriet Howard
Selwyn Ash	Louis Johnson
Ellen Turner-Bagley	Anthony Lewis
A. L. Bookhardt, M..D.	Patricia Hughes Rahming
Rosie Cook	Elder Dennis Ross
Karen Hill	Jacquelyn Ross
Christopher Howard	

**Lifetime Members**

Dianne Barclay	Kamala Harrell
Patricia Brown	Alphonso Mitchell

2006

## ***Ellen Turner Bagley***

**Congratulations to Ellen Turner Bagley  
Southeastern Conference  
Oakwood College  
2006 Certificate of Merit Honoree**



**Ellen, our sister, our aunt, you exemplify what it means to be a Christian and dedicated educator.**

**May this honor be a lasting memory for you.**

**Rejoice in the Lord!**

**Siblings: Ida and Louise, deceased  
Rosie L., Alma, Norris, Walter  
Your nieces and nephews**

# OCAA



**Congratulations!**

**Ellen Bagley**

Southeastern Conference Merit Award Winner



*"A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise." Proverbs 31:30, 31 NIV*



*Wishing you love and Happiness!*

*We love you Mom!*

*Sam, James, Darlene, Maren*

2006



# OCAA

*To my dearest friend,  
Ellen, from Academy days.  
God has given you great  
ability for the building up  
of His Kingdom.*

*Love,*



*Carole Johnson*



CONGRATULATIONS  
TO  
ALL 2006 HONOREES

Oakwood College Alumni Association

2006



# OCAA

**To Ellen Turner Bagley**  
**Congratulations!**  
**On being selected to receive**  
**The Certificate of Merit**  
**at**

**Oakwood's 39<sup>th</sup>**  
**Annual Homecoming**

**Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur L. Daniels**

*Congratulations*

*to*

*Ellen Turner Bagley*



*Julia Howard*  
*Orlando, Florida*

**Congratulations!!!**  
**to**  
***Mrs. Ellen Turner Bagley***  
**for being selected to receive**  
**the**  
**Certificate of Merit**

**We're Proud of You!**

**Love,**  
**The Rugless Family**  
**Pastor Roy, Elaine & Fedoria**



**2006**

# OCAA

**Congratulations**  
***Margaret Hollman***  
**Certificate of Merit**  
**Allegheny East**



**Allegheny East**  
**Pathfinder Club Association**

2006

**OCAA**

***HONORED***

***SECTION***

**2006**

# OCAA

*In Memory of Our Mother*  
*Dorice Allen*



November 19, 1930 - July 10, 2005

**THE ALLEN FAMILY**

**Willie F. Allen**

**Joyce Allen Allison, MD**

**Robin Allen**

**Pamela S. Allen, MD**

2006



# OCAA



**Congratulations, Dr. DeWitt Williams!!!**

**From your colleagues at the  
North American Division**

**Blessings to you,**

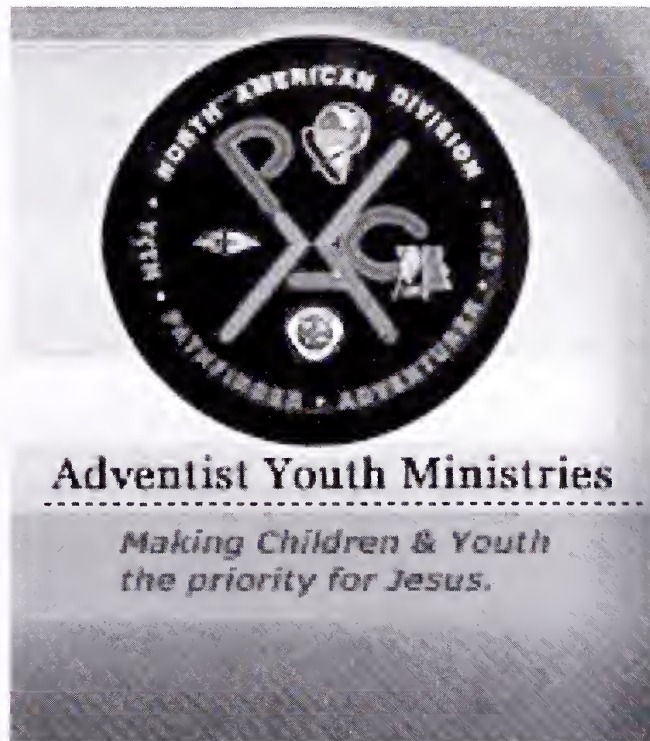
**Debra C. Brill  
Vice President  
North American Division**

**2006**

# OCAA

**CONGRATULATIONS  
DR. DEWITT WILLIAMS  
2006 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR**

**From  
North American Division  
Youth Ministries**



2006

# OCAA

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES**

**TO**

**SATIRA WISDOM**

**Northeastern Conference Certificate of Merit Honoree**



*In loving memory of your parents,  
and our former pastor and first lady  
Elder and Mrs. T. X. Perry*

**From  
BROOKLYN TEMPLE OF S.D.A. CHURCH**

**Stafford Henderson Byers  
Pastor**

**Wilton Rickets  
First Elder**

**Winona Fyffe  
Clerk**

**Phillip Tull  
Treasurer**

2006

**OCAA**



***Congratulations  
Winifred Rivers***

***Certificate of Merit  
South Central  
Conference***

***Oakwood College  
SDA Church***

***John S. Nixon  
Pastor***

**2006**



# OCAA

## **HAROLD CLEVELAND**

Certificate of Merit  
Allegheny West Conference



Harold Cleveland has served as the Chief Executive Officer for the Cincinnati Empowerment Corporation (CEC) since January 2001. In this capacity Harold has been responsible for managing the delivery of millions of dollars to businesses for economic development, job training, readiness, job placement and job creation. Before accepting his current position, he served as President of Cincinnati Union Bethel (CUB) for four years where he had a staff of 150 employees. CUB is the oldest Social Service Agency west of the Mississippi. The Agency's core competencies are Emergency assistance, adult education, head start, and Housing. During his tenure there he procured major funding for programs, helped grow a multi-million dollar foundation, and assisted hundreds of families and thousands of individuals. He also enjoyed 17 years of distinguished and successful pastoral ministry in Allegheny West Conference of SDA. Cleveland's ministry included, building a new church facility, major church renovations, hundreds of baptisms-having led the conference in baptisms in at least one of his years, Conference Director of Personal Ministries and a host of other ministerial milestones. While pastor he was happy to

support the efforts of the members of his congregation in their quest to build a Senior Citizen's Facility, the members' efforts and dedication would eventually succeed. Cleveland has also distinguished himself through other meaningful activities. He led a anti drug initiative for the City of Cincinnati, (F.A.C.T.) which included working with city council members, the police chief, law enforcement and coordinating hundreds of citizens in taking back their neighborhood efforts. He has formally served on several Boards and committees: he served as a member of the Allegheny Executive Committee, Columbia Union College Board of trustees, Shiloh gardens Board of trustees, mayor's advisory committee, housing Boards, among others. He has received many awards and commendations which include the key to the city of Cincinnati, the Mayor declaring "Harold Cleveland Day" in the city of Cincinnati for his service of excellence and the YMCA award of excellence. He was accepted in and graduated from two exclusive leadership programs: Leadership Cincinnati class XXIV, and the African American Leadership Development program class V. Harold is a product of Oakwood College graduating in 1980 with a double major in Theology and Business Administration. He also holds a Masters in Business Administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati. In addition he is completing his second year at the Salmon P. Chase College of Law in Highland Heights Kentucky in pursuit of his Doctor of Juris Prudence. Harold has two lovely daughters, Lorraine and Ashley. Harold is also the son of two other graduates of Oakwood College, Harold and Elizabeth Cleveland. Additionally two of Harold's three sisters are graduates of Oakwood, Michele Cleveland and Denise Leggette. Harold is proud of being a part of the Oakwood College family.



2006

# OCAA

## CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Alumni Honoree

HAROLD CLEVELAND JR.



ALLEGHENY WEST CONFERENCE

**James L. Lewis**  
*President*

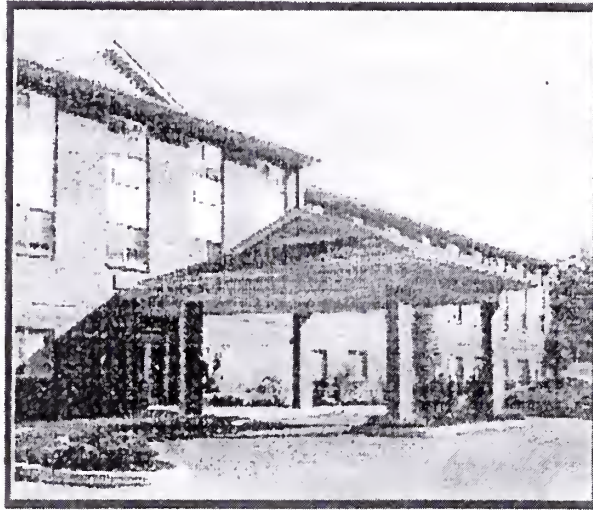
**Carl R. Rogers**  
*Executive Secretary*

**Zenobia D. Seward**  
*Treasurer*

2006

# OCAA

SHILOH SENIOR HOUSING, INC.  
SHILOH ADVENTIST GARDEN APARTMENTS  
CINCINNATI, OHIO



CONGRATULATES

**HAROLD L. CLEVELAND, II**

2006 ALLEGHENY WEST CONFERENCE  
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT HONOREE

NELLIE CONNER, PRESIDENT  
PASTOR DERRICK MOFFETT, VICE PRESIDENT  
VICTORIA BROWN, TREASURER  
DARYL FOSTER, PROPERTY MANAGER

2006



# OCAA



Dinsmore & Shohl LLP

recognizes

**Harold Cleveland**

for his contributions

to the Cincinnati community

and congratulates him

on his selection

as the

2006 Allegheny-West honoree

CHARLESTON  
(304) 357-0900

CINCINNATI  
(513) 977-8200

COLUMBUS  
(614) 628-6880

DAYTON  
(937) 449-6400

LEXINGTON  
(859) 425-1000

LOUISVILLE  
(502) 540-2300

MORGANTOWN  
(304) 594-4125

PITTSBURGH  
(412) 281-5000

**Dinsmore & Shohl** LLP  
ATTORNEYS

[www.dinslaw.com](http://www.dinslaw.com)

2006



# OCAA



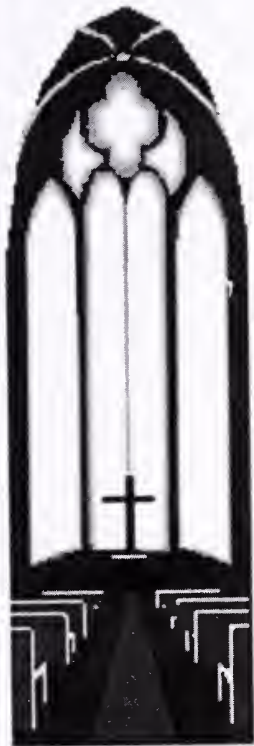
The Helping Hand Fruit Club, INC.  
Extends Congratulations  
to  
Harold L. Cleveland  
For the 2006 Oakwood Alumni Honoree  
Certificate of Merit

Carrie Walker, Coordinator

2006

# OCAA

**Pastor Derrick Moffett, Ph.D.  
Wife and Family  
And the Officers and Members  
of the  
Shiloh Seventh-Day Adventist Church**



**Wish to express our heartfelt  
Congratulations to  
Harold L. Cleveland, II  
for the  
2006 Oakwood  
Alumni Honoree  
Certificate of Merit**

**Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church  
3660 Washington Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio**

**Derrick Moffett, Ph.D. , Pastor  
Jesse Conner, First Elder  
Cary Walker, Clerk**

**2006**

# OCAA

*Bible Worker, Choir Director,  
and Spiritual Mother*



*To*

*Elder Harold C. Cleveland*

*And*

*Mrs. Elizabeth Cleveland*

*Thank You for your faithful years of ministry  
to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.*

*Thank You for always providing a loving and  
beautiful home for your family.*

*Your Son,  
Harold C. Cleveland II*

2006

# OCAA

*Denise Leggett, Esq.  
Dr. Christopher Leggett, M.D.  
And Family*



*Wish to Celebrate 51 years of Ministry  
By*

*Elder Harold C. Cleveland, Sr.  
Who served as President, Pastor and  
Departmental Director*

*And*

*Mrs. Elizabeth Cleveland  
Who for 43 years served as Teacher and  
Executive Assistant to the President*

2006



**OCAA**

***A Very Special  
Congratulations  
to***

***Harold L. Cleveland, II***

***On receiving  
The 2006 Oakwood Alumni Honoree  
Certificate of Merit***



***Connie Mayfield***

**2006**

# OCAA

*Very Special Congratulations*

*To*

*Harold C. Cleveland, II*

*In receiving*

*The 2006 Oakwood Alumni Honoree  
Certificate of Merit*



*Francine Graham*

*Elizabeth Conerly*

*Elder C. Vernon Richardson*

*Dorothy Smart*

*Gloria Frazier*

*Clara Strader*

2006

# OCAA

*In Memoriam*

to

A Wonderful & Loving Father

**Archie R. Walker, Sr.**

From your daughter

Janice L. Walker Esq.

Also Congratulations to

***Harold L. Cleveland II***

For the 2006 Oakwood Alumni Honoree

Certificate of Merit

For Allegheny West Conference

2006

# OCAA

**The Cincinnati Empowerment Corporation  
would like to congratulate its CEO**

**Mr. Harold L. Cleveland II**

**for being named  
2006 Oakwood Alumni Honoree  
for Allegheny West Conference**

---

*Warm Congratulations*

*To*

*Harold L. Cleveland II*

*2006 Oakwood Alumni Honoree  
Certificate of Merit  
Allegheny West Conference*

*Josephine Phillips Pullins*

2006



# OCAA

*In Memoriam To A Loving Husband  
Minister Olay Rob Roberts*

*Your Loving Wife  
Michele Cleveland*

*Also in Celebration to 51 Years of Dynamic Ministry  
for  
Elder Harold L. Cleveland, Sr.  
and  
Mrs. Elizabeth Cleveland*

*Congratulations*

*Elder Harold Cleveland II*

*Certificate of Merit Honoree  
Allegheny West Conference*



*I am wishing God's  
richest Blessings*

*Susie Wells*

**Congratulations!**



**2006**

# OCAA

Mr. Eddie Mallory  
Extends  
Congratulations  
To  
**Harold Cleveland II**  
on being named  
2006 Allegheny West  
Oakwood Alumni Honoree

Congratulations  
**Harold Cleveland II**  
2006 Certificate of Merit  
Allegheny West  
  
The Lungelow Family  
Lisa, Barbara & Toni

*Best Wishes  
to  
Harold Cleveland II*



*From  
The English & Moore Family*

Congratulations  
Certificate of Merit Honoree  
Allegheny West Conference

**Harold Cleveland II**



Mrs. Vernell Turner

**Harold Cleveland II**

*Congratulations and Best Wishes*

*May God continue to guide you.*



*Mr. Lafayette and Mrs. Mary Blessingame*

Congratulations

Harold Cleveland II



Mr. Nate Johnson

Congratulations

Harold Cleveland II  
Allegheny West Conference  
Certificate of Merit



Mr. Greg Meadows

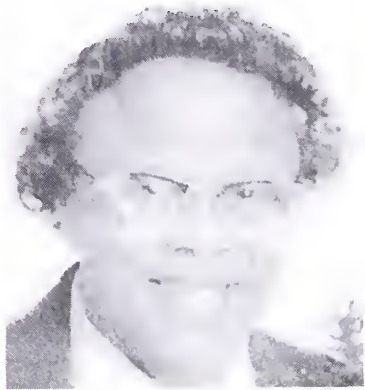
  
The Friends of  
**Harold Cleveland II**  
extend congratulations to  
him on being named 2006  
Certificate of Merit from  
Allegheny West Conference.

2006

# OCAA

## **LILLIAN NEALEY COLEMAN**

### Certificate of Merit South Atlantic Conference



Lillian was born to John Henry and Sadie Nealey in Greenville, South Carolina. She had five brothers and six sisters besides her twin sister Lillie.

She graduated from the Sterling High school in Greenville, South Carolina as the valedictorian of her class.

She enrolled at Oakwood Junior College in 1941 and graduated in 1943. Among her memorable experiences while at Oakwood occurred during the summer of 1942 when she and five other young ladies were asked to work in the fields and the dairy with a group of young men who were studying theology, because most of the non theology students had been drafted by the U.S. Army to fight in World War II.

After her graduation she became the church school teacher and taught in Charlotte North, Carolina, Tampa, Florida, and at the Berean school in Atlanta, Georgia.

During the summers, she worked with Elder Joseph Hinson as a leader of the Vacation Bible School in Americus, Georgia and two other cities, and served as a Bible instructor with Elder E.E. Rogers.

While she was teaching in Atlanta, she caught the

eye of Mr. James O. Coleman, Jr., and in 1948 they were married in a beautiful wedding. During the next few years three children were born who brought joy and happiness to their home, James O. Coleman, III, Ruth and Sadie. Because of her belief in training her children as best as she could, Lillian ended her teaching career and became a full-time mother and homemaker. Unfortunately in 1979, after 31 years of happy marriage, Lillian had to lay to rest her beloved husband.

Perhaps inspired by her mother, Sadie became a physician and resides in Texas. Her son James and other daughter Ruth Coleman Marsh have given their mother three grand children, and a number of great grand children.

Though she no longer taught school full time, Lillian became a faithful worker for the Berean church where she served for man years in various capacities including Sabbath School superintendent, Junior Division leader, Missionary Volunteer Society (a.k.a., Adventist Youth Society), Vacation Bible School leader, Community Service member, Sabbath School teacher, and deaconess. After her retirement, she still served as the office assistant of the Berean Day Care Center.

For over 10 years, she has served as faithful member of the Mary Palmer Jackson chapter of the Oakwood College National Alumni Association, where she has done all she can to support Oakwood College and Christian education.

She has certificates of appreciation from the Kings Daughters and from Mr. Nathaniel Miller who was the principal of the Berean Academy while she was still a teacher at the Berean school.



2006

# OCAA

## The South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Continued Success & God's Blessings to  
*Mrs. Lillian Nealy Coleman*



*The South Atlantic Conference*  
of Seventh-day Adventists  
294 Hamilton E. Holmes Drive, NW  
Atlanta GA 30318

Mailing Address  
P.O. Box 92447  
Atlanta, GA 30314

Phone: (404) 792-0535 / Fax: (404) 792-7817  
Email: [info@southatlantic.org](mailto:info@southatlantic.org)  
Visit us on the web [www.southatlantic.org](http://www.southatlantic.org)

Vanard J. Mendinghall  
*President*

Rhonda Morrison  
*Under Treasurer*

Ronald Wright  
*Executive Secretary*

David M. Jones  
*Vice President*

Ralph Franklin  
*Assistant to the President*

Linwood Stone  
*Treasurer*

Pennie Lister-Archie  
*Vice President for Education*

2006



# OCAA

*Congratulations and Best Wishes*  
*Lillian Nealy Coleman*

## MAMA!



**We Love You!**  
**James III, Ruth and Sadie**

2006

# OCAA

## CONGRATULATIONS

*and*

*Best Wishes*



### ***Mrs. Lillian Nealy Coleman***

***Certificate of Merit Award Recipient  
South Atlantic Conference  
Oakwood College National Alumni Association***

***God Bless You!***

***"Blessed are those who work in God's Vineyard"***

***Your Friends at  
Mt. Olive Seventh-day Adventist Church  
East Point, Georgia***

***Darryl L. Howard, Pastor  
James Reid, First Elder  
South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventist, Atlanta Georgia***

2006

# OCAA

## CONGRATULATIONS

We Congratulate Mrs. Lillian N. Coleman  
for your many years of service in Education  
expanding the minds of our boys and girls  
to reach for the highest height in life.

There are many leaders in this city of  
Atlanta, Georgia whose lives you have  
touched, and it made a difference.  
Only Heaven can record the numbers.

May Jesus continue to be the center of your  
joy in your retirement years.

### SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

Gordon L. Retzer, President  
Ward D. Sumpter, Secretary  
Richard P. Center, Treasurer  
James Caskey, Under Treasurer

2006

# OCAA

*Congratulations  
And  
Best Wishes  
Mrs. Lillian Nealy Coleman*

*May God Bless You !*

Members of the

Mary Palmer Jackson Chapter

Oakwood College National Alumni Association  
Atlanta, Georgia

Katie G. Norman, President

2006



# OCAA



**Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy**

401 Hamilton E. Holmes Drive, NW Atlanta, GA 30318 (404)799-0337 FAX (404)799-0977

**Proudly Supports**

**Oakwood College  
National Alumni  
Association**

**And Honors**

**Lillian Nealy Coleman**

**South Atlantic Certificate of Merit Honoree**

**Ms. Leola Wade, Principal**

**2006**

**OCAA**

Congratulations  
To  
Lillian Coleman!

**Plan Your Work**

**Work Your Plan-**

**The Mind Is a Terrible  
Thing to Waste.**

Deaconess Board  
Of  
The Atlanta Berean SDA Church  
Joyce E. Johnson, Leader

**2006**

# OCAA

## Congratulations

### To

## Lillian Nealy Coleman

"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people, from this time forth and forevermore." Psalm 125: 1, 2 RSV

From the  
Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church



Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church  
291 Hamilton E. Holmes Drive  
Atlanta, Georgia 30318  
Telephone: 404.799-7288 Website: [www.atlantaberean.org](http://www.atlantaberean.org)

William L. Winston, Senior Pastor  
Kenneth Moore, Associate Pastor

James Lamb, Assistant Pastor

2006

# OCAA

*Congratulations To  
Mrs. Lillian Coleman  
As you are Honored by the  
Oakwood College  
National Alumni Association*

In Loving Memory of our Parents  
Isabell Buckley Ramon - May 7, 1911 to August 9, 2003  
Edvanley Van Ramon-September 10, 1908 to April 16, 1969

Love Always  
Mr. & Mrs. G.. C. Ramon (Pat)  
Mr. & Mrs. Urick LaDonis (Dacia)  
Mr. & Mrs. Keenen West (Jeneen)  
Renee Ramon



2006



# OCAA

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to  
**LILLIAN NEALY COLEMAN**

**In recognition of receiving the honor of**

***CERTIFICATE OF MERIT***  
from the  
**Oakwood College Alumni Association**



**Your niece and nephews: Kathryn E. Williams, Kenneth Williams, John L. Williams and Budd Williams**

Best Wishes  
To  
***Lillian Nealy Coleman***

  
From  
**Henry A. and Janice Lee James**

Congratulations!  
To  
**Mrs. Lillian N. Coleman**



From  
**Mrs. Loraine & Ms. Burdetta Henri**



**Homecoming**  
**2007**  
**April 5-8, 2007**

**2006**

# OCAA

## ***Margaret Hollman***

Certificate of Merit  
Allegheny East Conference



Margaret Hollman was the third of seven children born to Rubin (deceased) and Helen Johnson in Clarksville, Texas. The family moved to Wichita, Kansas where Margaret was educated, enjoying swimming and enjoyed life by laughing at anything.

Her family was introduced to the Seventh-day Adventist message in her high school senior year by the late Elder LeCount Butler. Along with her mother and four sisters, Margaret became a baptized member and has remained faithful since.

Elder Butler promoted Oakwood College. After Margaret and her sisters attended an Alumni Weekend, Margaret sold religious magazines for tuition assistance. She enrolled in Oakwood, majoring in biology with the goal of becoming a cytotechnologist (technician trained in medical examination and identification of cellular abnormalities). Since this degree was not offered at OC, it was virtually unheard of at the time. So after three semesters, Margaret transferred.

In the meantime, she married Bill Hollman

and moved to Baltimore, Maryland. Raising three daughters, she completed her college degree at Morgan State University. She has worked in her chosen career for more than 40 years assisting Pathologists screen fluids and pap smears to diagnose cancer and sexually transmitted diseases.

An avid supporter of Christian education, her three daughters are products of Christian education. Charmagne Thompson, is a nurse; Tabitha Hill, a program cost analyst; Deanna Ongwela, is a physical therapist and entrepreneur. They have given Margaret seven grand boys.

Margaret's love of youth led her to become the Baltimore Area Pathfinder Director. She was awarded the Daniel L. Davis Award for more than 30 years of service as a Pathfinder.

Hospitality is one of her gifts as she enjoys cooking, feeding people and helping them to feel at home. Margaret also looks on the brighter side of life as she can find humor in any situation. She trusts in the Lord as her Friend, Provider, Healer and Savior.

Margaret has been the president of the Baltimore Alumni Chapter for many years. Under her leadership, many activities were sponsored. The most outstanding ones were the cultural ethnic banquets where guests dressed in ethnic outfits and the sponsored bus trips to several Alumni Homecoming weekends. She and her husband Bill are life members of the Association and continue as active members.

The Alumni in Allegheny East Conference are proud of the selection of Margaret Hollman as its 2006 Certificate of Merit Honoree. Our prayer is that God will bless her abundantly as she continues to show His love to humankind by serving others.



2006

# OCAA

***In Loving Memory and Remembrance  
of  
Our Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Friend  
Esme Miller***



***We Love You and Miss You.  
Jennifer, Donovan, Douglas, Jennequa  
Leonard, Brittany and Brandon***

2006



# OCAA

BEST WISHES

TO



MARGARET HOLLMAN

Certificate of Merit Allegheny East Conference

AEC ADVENTURER ASSOCIATION

Claude Harris, AEC Youth Ministries Director

Frank Weedon, Exec. Coordinator

Sandra Mit-Chelle, Lay Director

Emily Harrod, Sec-Treasurer

Delores Stroud, Chaplain

Bette Taylor, Area Specialist

Bill Hollman, Area Specialist

Bonita Solomon, Area Specialist

Robert L. Hunter, Area Specialist

Evelyn T. Belfon, Area Specialist

Annie Hinson, Area Specialist

Veronica Leftridge, Parliamentarian

Gloria Cuffee, Parent Representative

2006



# OCAA



## Miracle Temple Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Worship Center & Ministry Complex

100 South Rock Glen Road • Baltimore, Maryland 21229

### A Lady with a Plan

Margaret J. Hollman was born to serve. As a very young child, she was taught to be of service to God. She wears many hats. As a parent and grandparent, she has been a provider, a leader and a disciplinarian when necessary. As a wife, she is a warm and wonderful helpmeet and an encourager, but we believe one of her greatest responsibilities is as a cheerleader. More than anything else today, encouragement is an urgent need.

We applaud Margaret's supportive love while working with many children as Pathfinder leader, encouraging them and cheering on their parents. It takes distilled wisdom of what one needs to get adolescents through these challenging times. Just get them through it, Margaret. Hang in there with them until the white water rapids of teenage years are left behind. God bless you. We congratulate your receiving the Allegheny East Conference Certificate of Merit.

Hebrew 10:25 "Let us encourage one another."

### The 50 + Fellowship Miracle Temple Church Worship Center

(410) 368-9294 (tel.) • (410) 368-9296 (fax) • 888-(1-4-miracle (toll free) • [www.miracletemple.net](http://www.miracletemple.net)  
Growing Kingdom People Now!

2006

*In Memory of  
Magerthier A. Snead  
and  
Thomas and Florence Snead Bolden  
Believers in education*



*Congratulations  
Margaret Hollman*

*You exemplify the virtuous  
woman in Proverbs*

*Daphne Bolden*

# OCAA

Margaret L. Hollman

We are proud of you

As Allegheny East Conference's

Certificate of Merit Honoree

Christian education is our commitment!



*Oakwood College Alumni Association, Baltimore Chapter*

*Margaret Hollman, President*

*Anna Timpson, Treasurer*

*Grace Thomas, Assistant Treasurer*

*Ruthie Ruffin & Jessie Ruffin, Business Manager*

2006

# OCAA

*Many women have excelled, but  
you outshine them all.  
Proverbs 37:29*



*In Honor of*

*Margaret Hollman*

*Congratulations*

*Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon Glusman  
Dr. and Mrs. Donald Edlow  
Drs. Moira and Paul Larsen*

2006



# OCAA

## *Congratulations!*

MARGARET HOLLMAN

Certificate of Merit

Oakwood College Allegheny East

from

all your friends on staff at  
Union Hospital, Elkton, MD  
and

Richard Szumel, M.D.  
Chair, Department of Pathology



2006

# OCAA

*Congratulations to . . .*

**Mrs. Margaret Hollman**

For being chosen as a Year 2006  
Certificate of Merit Honoree  
for the Allegheny East Conference

We applaud you for your commitment to the Seventh-day  
Adventist Church, the Pathfinders and your Alma Mater,  
Oakwood College.

“Well done, thou good and faithful servant!”

Pastor Melvyn E. Hayden  
and the  
Officers and Members of  
Liberty Seventh-day Adventist Church  
3301 Milford Mill Road  
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

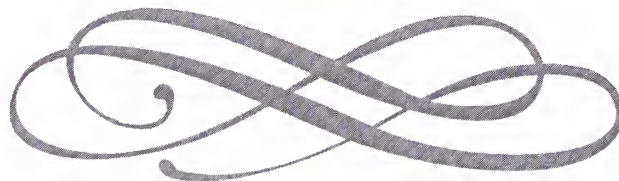
2006

# OCAA

BEST WISHES  
&  
CONTINUED SUCCESS!

MAY GOD'S RICHES  
BLESSINGS SHINE ON YOU

MARGARET HOLLMAN  
ALLEGHENY EAST  
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT HONOREE



FIFTY PLUS MEMBERS  
LIBERTY SDA CHURCH  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

MELVIN HAYDEN, II, *PASTOR*

2006

# OCAA

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Certificate of Merit Honoree  
Allegheny East Conference**

***MARGARET HOLLMAN***

**Keep up the good work**

**Jessie E. Ruffin**

---

*Margaret Hollman*

Certificate of Merit  
Allegheny East

**Best Wishes**



50+ Organization of Berea Temple  
Baltimore, Maryland

2006



# OCAA

# IR

The Review and Herald Publishing Association

congratulates

*Margaret Hollman*

**Oakwood College 2006 Certificate of Merit Recipient**

The Review and Herald has more than 800 active book titles of inspirational and health-related topics, including Arthur Maxwell's ten-volume set of *The Bible Story*. We also print textbooks for our parochial school system, and more than forty different magazines and journals, including:

- *Adventist Review*, our general church paper
- *Message*, a journal of contemporary Christian issues, targeted to a multicultural audience
- *Vibrant Life*, a Christian guide for total health
- *Liberty*, a leading magazine promoting the separation of church and state

We are delighted to serve you in any way, providing your printing needs, and making our material available through your local Adventist Book Center. Remember that the Adventist publishing work is to play a major evangelistic role as we near Christ's coming. Thank you for your prayers and support of this vital arm of our church. Visit our Web site at [www.rhpa.org](http://www.rhpa.org).

*Mrs. Margaret Hollman*

*We're proud of you!*

*Congratulations and continued best wishes  
on your selection as the  
Certificate of Merit Honoree  
Allegheny East Conference*

*Women's Ministries  
Liberty Seventh-day Church  
Denise Cox, Leader  
Shirley Rowley, Ass't*

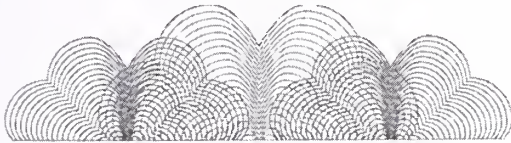
2006

# OCAA

***Margaret Hollman***

**Certificate of Merit  
Allegheny East**

**A real friend  
For me a source of energy,  
ambition and love**



***Your friend,***

***Annette Williams***

***Congratulations  
Margaret!***

*This recognition is well-deserved.  
You have truly been a blessing  
to me and my family.*

*May God continue to enrich your  
life as you remain committed  
to His service.*

*Love from the Donovan-Green Family:  
Donald, Linda, Linaldo, Lydell,  
Landion, Lialdon, Lationda*

***Margaret L. Holman***

**God Bless you on your  
Certificate of Merit  
Allegheny East Conference**

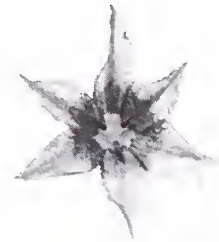


***Dr. Melva Brown***

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

**ALLEGHENY EAST CONFERENCE**



***You live by the motto "a  
servant of God and a  
friend to man".***

***Norma Johnson***

**2006**

# OCAA

**Congratulations  
and  
Best Wishes  
to**

***Margaret Hollman***

**Allegheny East Conference  
Certificate of Merit  
Honoree**



**Compliments of  
Anna B. Cheatham Timpson  
Baltimore, Maryland Chapter**



*Dear Margaret,*

*May God continue  
to bless you.*

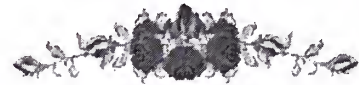
*Congratulations!*

*Bernice A. Webster*

*In Memory  
of a  
Very Special Lady*

*Essie Marie Hatcher*

*"She was all about love"*



Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Hatcher

**Margaret Hollman**

**Congratulations!**

2006 Allegheny East Conference  
Certificate of Merit

May God continue to bless  
your ministry.

We love you!



From  
Pastor Frederick and Brenda Russell  
Miracle Temple Church  
Baltimore, Maryland

2006



# OCAA

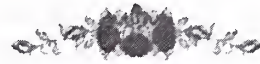
*The man who walks with God  
always gets to his destination*

Congratulations  
**Margaret Hollman**  
Allegheny East Conference  
Certificate of Merit

Inez Sims

In Loving Memory of Viola Thomas

Who gave so much of herself to many  
students who have passed through  
Oakwood College and some present now.



By: Her sister Vernell Brown

**Congratulations**  
**Margaret Hollman**

Certificate of Merit  
Allegheny East



Vilma Roxburgh

**Margaret Hollman**  
Certificate of Merit  
Allegheny East Conference

Wishing you God's richest  
blessings: remember always that  
all wisdom and knowledge is from  
God. Never stop seeking His will  
for your life.

Your sister, Birta Johnson

Margaret Hollman



Congratulations on being chosen to receive  
the Certificate of Merit Award. May God  
continue to bless you for your dedicated  
service.

Ronald and Carolyn Curtis

**Congratulations**  
**Margaret Hollman**



Ian & Merlene Blair-Brown

For: Margaret Hollman's  
Certificate of Merit



We honor you today  
For the Godly life you live  
Time after time you always  
Find something to give  
So this is to honor you  
For all the things you've done  
For your husband, your family,  
Friends and everyone

Love,  
Rick, Tabitha, and Stephon Hill  
Baltimore, Maryland

2006



# OCAA

## WINIFRED RIVERS

Certificate of Merit  
South Central Conference



*"In all thy ways acknowledge Him,  
and He shall direct thy paths"—  
Proverbs 3:6.*

Winifred Bailey Rivers was born in New York City the youngest of nine. At the age of 7 her music career started with piano lessons and playing in the church that her father pastored. She accepted Adventism in her teens under the reaching of Elder J. R. Wagner, Sr. She studied at the New York Schools of Music, The New York College of Music, The Guilman Organ School in NYC, University of Alabama and private studies with prominent piano concert artists.

As a married student at Oakwood, majoring in Business, she served as secretary to Dr. Eva B. Dykes in East Hall. She also assisted, the Music Department in teaching piano lessons at the request of Mrs. Inez Booth, Chair. She also was one of the first blacks to be employed as a secretary at the Redstone Arsenal Guided Missile School. At that time also she accompanied the Aeolians and has served as pianist/organist for the Oakwood College Church under the pastorates of E.C.Ward, L. Pollard and Elder John Nixon.

After graduation, the family relocated to Washington, D.C., where the SDA Seminary was located. As a pastor's wife she worked diligently in the many churches where they were assigned: Syracuse, Buffalo, and Long Island, N.Y.; Bakersfield, and Pacoima California; the Southampton Church in Bermuda, and the Bermuda SDA school where

she was kept very busy.

In 1973 Winifred and her daughters moved to Loma Linda University, where she was employed as Administrative Secretary to the Chair of the Graduate School of Nursing also served as one of the musicians at the campus churches. Again she and daughters relocated to Huntsville after receiving a call from Alabama A&M University as Secretary to the chair of Biology Department. She then answered a call from the Allegheny East conference to serve as administrative secretary to Elder Luther Palmer, President; assisted Pine Forge Academy and Church with her music ministry.

She then accepted a call from the General Conference of SDAs to Risk Management, then various ADRA Departments. She then received a call from the new Southeastern Conference located in Orlando, Florida, serving as secretary to President James Edgecombe.

As a dedicated Christian musician Winifred has served as organist/pianist for many evangelistic crusades, including the Breath of Life with Charles D. Brooks, speaker, many camp meetings, Women's Ministries and Literature Evangelist Conventions, etc. Some years ago, she was privileged to present a mini-concert at the White House. She appeared on the international TV station, 3ABN, also other TV and radio stations: Produced 2 CDs.; holds membership in the American Guild of Organists, JLMoran chapter of the OC Alumni Association, ROSDA SAVSS and HARAW retiree clubs.

A believer in Christian education, although difficult at times, Winifred made sure that her four children Adventist schools. Two daughters graduated from Pine Forge, and all four attended Oakwood College, three graduated from Oakwood, and one from Virginia University. Ted, former professor, Communication, OC, producer of the Precious Memories recordings; Gerald, a bank official; Linda, former accountant, OC, presently manager, Verizon Corporate Office; and Beverly served as an attorney in Washington, D.C., for two terms as secretary of the District of Columbia. One of Winifred's three granddaughters presently is a fourth-generation Oakwoodite. "To God be the glory."

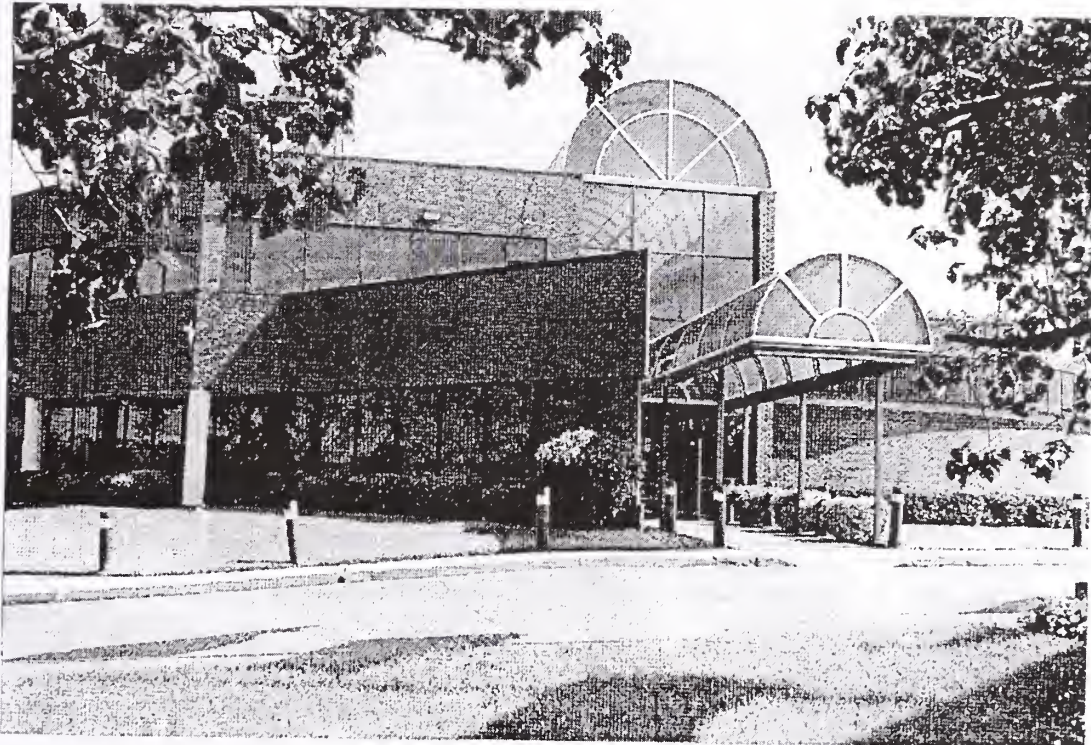


2006

# OCAA

*Congratulations on Your 39th*

*Annual Homecoming*



from

South Central Conference  
of the Seventh-day Adventist Church  
715 Youngs Lane  
Nashville Tennessee 37207

Benjamin P. Browne, President  
Dana C. Edmond, Secretary • Philip G. Palmer, Treasurer

2006



# OCAA



## Dynamic Performance Physical Therapy

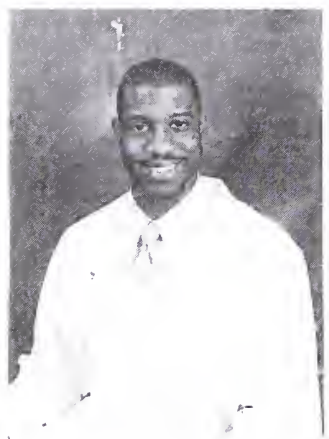
4920 University Sq Ste B  
Huntsville, Alabama 35816

**"STOPPING PAIN & GETTING YOU BACK TO LIVING"**

**Dr. David S. Peterson, DPT and the  
Dynamic Performance family congratulate  
Winifred Rivers**

**As a recipient of the South Central  
Conference**

**"Certificate of Merit"**



- AQUATIC THERAPY
- PHYSICAL THERAPY
- IN-HOME THERAPY

**CALL TODAY FOR YOUR FREE CONSULTATION**

**(256) 837-5425**

**MOST INSURANCE ACCEPTED**

**[www.universityfitnesscenter.com](http://www.universityfitnesscenter.com)**

**2006**

# OCAA

## *Winifred Rivers*

South Central Conference  
Certificate of Merit Honoree

&

all who are receiving honors during  
Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2006

Thank you for being a part of the  
Oakwood College legacy.

### Oakwood College



### Education - Excellence - Eternity

Celebrating 110 Years ~ 1896 - 2006



[WWW.OAKWOOD.EDU](http://WWW.OAKWOOD.EDU)

# 2006



# OCAA

**Congratulations**

*To*

*Winifred Rivers*

*South Central Conference*

*Certificate of Merit*

**Our hearts are filled with Joy as you were selected as Certificate of Merit for South Central Conference. You truly deserve this honor! You are indeed an inspiration to us as you are always willing to share your musical talents and gifts when requested. May God richly bless you in your Music Ministry.**

*Your Music Always Fills  
Our Hearts With Joy!!!*



**Dr. & Mrs. Alfonzo Greene  
&  
Pastor Alfonzo Greene, Jr.**

2006

# OCAA



## enrich your **life** and your community

As a not-for-profit credit union, it is our privilege to give back to our members and the communities we serve – helping to make them even better places to live and work.

We invite our members to join us in our effort to enhance lives and communities and to be a part of this cooperative effort by utilizing our wide range of products and services, including:

- Freedom Checking
- Low-Rate Credit Cards\*
- Convenient Debit Cards
- Easy, Secure Online Banking

Becoming a member is easier than you might think. Just visit [www.redfcu.org](http://www.redfcu.org) or any branch office for more details.



**REDSTONE**  
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

837-6110 or 800-234-1234

[www.redfcu.org](http://www.redfcu.org)

This Credit Union is Federally Insured by the National Credit Union Administration. Must be RFCU member to apply. Fees and restrictions may apply. Contact us for details. \*All loans subject to credit approval. Equal credit opportunity lender.

# 2006

# OCAA

**CONGRATULATIONS  
AND  
BEST WISHES  
TO**

**WINIFRED RIVERS**

**Certificate of Merit Honoree  
South Central Conference of SDA**



**From**

**Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson, Sr. and Grandson Albert III  
James E. Johnson and Family  
Richard and Myrna Johnson Jones and Family  
Arnold, Sr. and Lillian Johnson Green and Family**

**2006**

# OCAA

## CONGRATULATIONS

to

**MRS. WINIFRED RIVERS**

Recipient of the

Certificate of Merit Award  
for the  
South Central Conference

For your faithful and dedicated service in using your musical talent in service to God and to His people, for your support of our alumni chapter, and for your commitment and support of Oakwood College.

The Oakwood College J. L. Moran Alumni Chapter  
Huntsville, Alabama

Hector Mouzon, President  
Lovey Davis Verdun, Secretary  
Alean W. Middleton, Treasurer

2006



# OCAA

## WINNIE RIVERS CONGRATULATIONS

**In Memory of Our Sister...  
Karen Annette Willis-Fields**

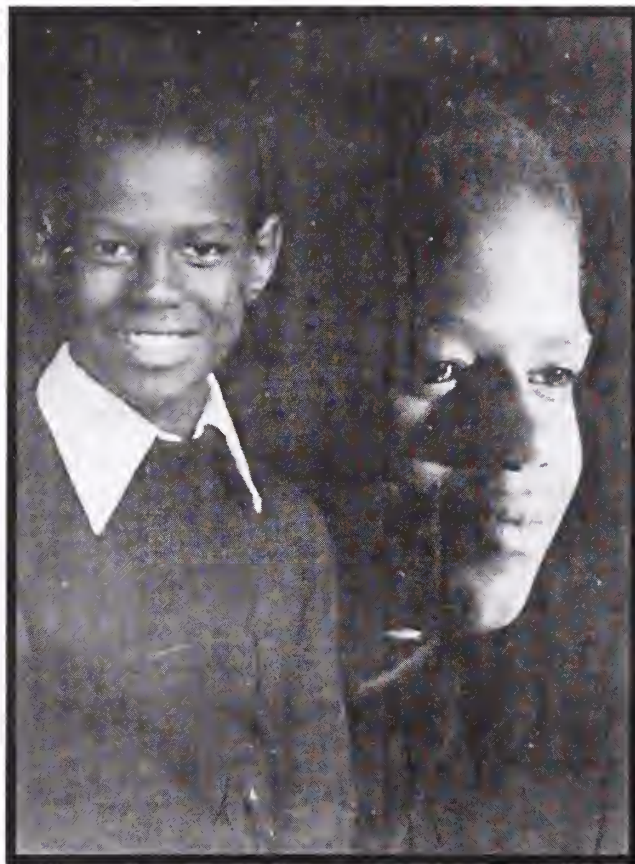


**The Willis Families**

2006

# OCAA

## **Winnie Rivers** **Congratulations**



**Brian McKnight**  
**McKnight Enterprises**

2006

# OCAA

## *Thank You....*

*Congratulations Mrs. Rivers!*  
*Thank you for your patience and dedication to the*  
*Music Faculty, Staff and Students of*  
*Oakwood College.*  
*We appreciate you, and all you do.*

**Oakwood College Department of Music  
offering degrees in...**

**Music (B.A)**

**Music Education: Instrumental (B.S.)**

**Music Education: Choral (B.S.)**

**Theory and Composition (B.M)**

**Vocal Performance and Pedagogy (B.M.)**

**Oakwood College Department of Music**

**Peters Hall**

**7000 Adventist Boulevard, NW**

**Huntsville, AL 35896**

**(256) 726-7278**

**(256) 726-7481 Fax**

**2006**



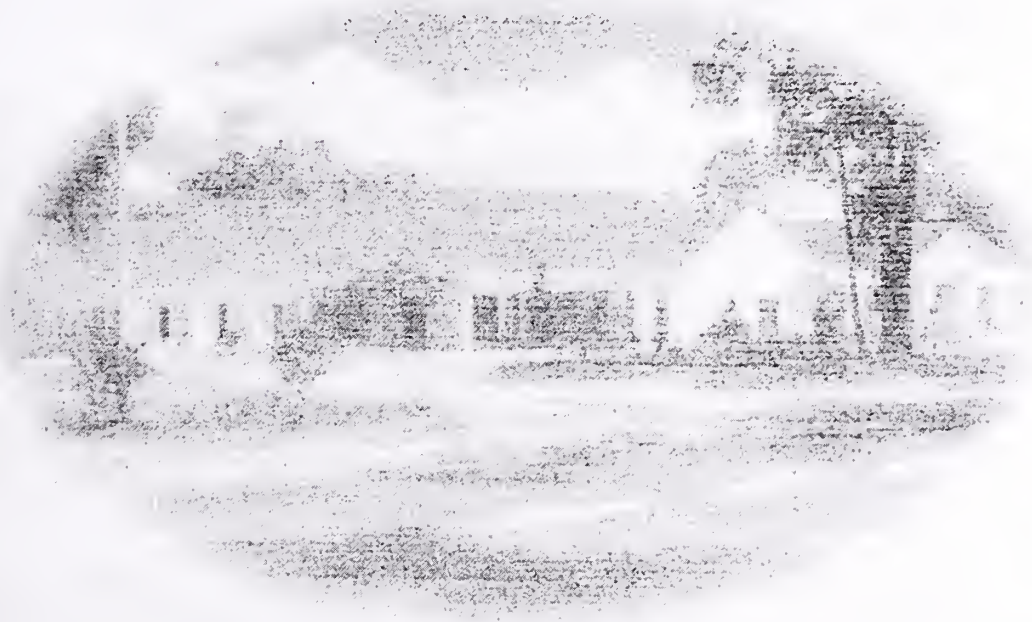
# OCAA

*P*  *C* **HAPEL**  
**ATMOS** WORSHIP CENTER  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

---

## CONGRATULATIONS

*Winnie C. Rivers*



*David A. Long, Sr., Pastor*  
*Robert Mike, II, First Elder*

2006



# OCAA

## Congratulations Winifred Rivers

**An outstanding member of the  
Haraw Chapter who has  
devoted her life and service  
to playing on request  
the organ and the piano.**



### Haraw Chapter Officers

**Dorothy Jones, President**  
**Mable Hoyte, Vice President**  
**Lovey Verdun, Secretary**  
**Allene Cantrell, Treasurer**

2006

# OCAA

CONGRATULATIONS

WINIFRED RIVERS

2006 CERTIFICATE OF MERIT  
SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE



BEST WISHES  
DR. LLOYD TURNEY

2006

# OCAA



*Mom,*

*Congratulations on the recognition of your many years of dedicated service and commitment to Oakwood College and the worldwide Seventh Day Adventist church organization.*

*We are grateful to you for being a shining example to us of unwavering ministration through your gift of music and administrative talents.*

*We pray that God will continue to richly bless your efforts in service to Him.*

*With All Our Love,*

*Your Children,*

*Theodore, Gerald, Linda & Beverly*

2006



# OCAA

CONGRATULATIONS  
WINIFRED RIVERS  
OAKWOOD COLLEGE ALUMNI HONOREE  
2006

# Go ye!

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world."

- Sixty-seven percent (67%) of Americans get their TV signal from cable.
- 3ABN's television signal is available to every cable TV operator. But YOU, the cable subscriber, need to ask your cable company to add 3ABN to their system.

Danny Shelton, President

3ABN  
Three Angels Broadcasting  
NETWORK

P.O. Box 220, West Frankfort, IL 62896  
[www.3abn.org](http://www.3abn.org)  
618-627-4651

3ABN  
Three Angels Broadcasting  
NETWORK

2006

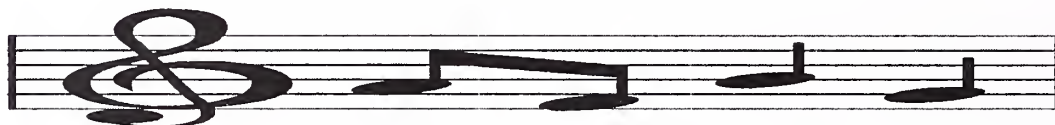


# OCAA

**Congratulations  
to  
Winifred Rivers**

***South Central Conference  
Merit Awardee***

**Your faithful service to your church through  
music has been a blessing to many.**



**Pastor and Mrs. Lloyd H. Wilson**

---

**Congratulations  
To  
Winifred Rivers  
and  
All Alumni Awardees**

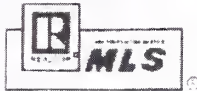
**Best Wishes  
From  
Clarence & Yvonne Hodges**

**2006**

# OCAA

## Congratulations to Winifred Rivers

Certificate of Merit  
South Central Conference



### RE/MAX

Allegiance

**Ella L. Murphy**  
Sales Associate

13994 Baltimore Avenue  
Laurel, Maryland 20707  
Office: (301) 490-5400  
Fax: (301) 953-1305  
Home: (301) 384-8137

 Each Office Independently Owned and Operated

## CONGRATULATIONS to WINIFRED RIVERS

For receiving the Certificate of Merit  
From South Central Conference



From  
Doctors Howard and Stephanie Weems  
and Family

# 2006

# OCAA

*Congratulations to Winifred B. Rivers*

Certificate of Merit Honoree  
South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventist

For your untiring musical talent and service  
to the Seventh-day Adventist Church  
And to its educational program.

Your friends,  
Lorraine D. Henri and Lovey D. Verdun

Congratulations to you Winifred  
Rivers on being selected Certificate  
of Merit Honoree for South Central  
Conference. May you continue to  
enrich the lives of others through  
your music and Godly influence.

Dr. & Mrs. E. E. Rogers

**Congratulations  
Winifred Rivers**



**Drs. John A. & Jean A. Blake**

**Congratulations  
To  
All 2006 Honorees**

**Congratulations  
Winifred Rivers**

Certificate of Merit  
for  
South Central Conference



Dr. Eurydice Osterman

**Congratulations  
Wini Rivers**  
South Central  
Certificate of Merit

You certainly deserve the  
honor that has been  
bestowed upon you.

Dr. Henrene Smoot

2006

# OCAA

**Mrs. Winifred Rivers**

**We join your many friends and family in congratulating you as recipient of the South Central Conference Certificate of Merit. It is indeed an appropriate honor for your years of dedicated service to the church and community, especially in the field of music. It could not have happened to a better person.**

**Your "cousins",  
The Baileys  
(Ornan, Shirley, Trevor, Sharlene)**

*Congratulations  
to*

***Winifred Rivers***

*Certificate of Merit  
South Central Conference*



*Dr. Barbara R. Collins*

## **Winifred Rivers**

**You have been embellishing the worship music for God's people for a long time.**

### **Congratulations**

**We hope to hear you play in the "earth made new".**

**I don't know whether you will have to master a new instrument or not, but what ever the instrument, we want to be there to hear you play it.**

**Dr. and Mrs. Rothacker C. Smith**

*Congratulations Aunt Winnie  
on receiving*

*The "Certificate of Merit" Award*

*Thank you for sharing your love,  
sense of humor and wonderful talent.*

*Enjoy your special day.*

*Love from your niece  
Dr. Barbara R. Collins-Brooks*

*Grand Nieces  
Monique Moore Pryor, Esq.  
Sherri Moore*

2006



# OCAA

## **SATIRA WISDOM**

Certificate of Merit  
Northeastern Conference



Satira A. Wisdom is one of ten children born to the parents of the late Pastor Theodore X. Perry, known as the singing evangelist and Susie B. Perry. During the early years, Pastor Perry started teaching Satira to play and sing along with her other brothers and sisters. Her brothers and sisters eventually did not want to continue with music lessons. Satira did not want to defy her parents so she continued with her lessons. Her parent wanted her to be a concert pianist. They wanted this dream for her so much that they sent her to Julliard School of Music. There she studied theory and piano. This led her to further develop her musical talents. She started playing in concerts at many different places, most memorable was Carnegie Hall.

During the late 1950's, her father started her playing the piano and assisting with the choir. Satira became the pianist and eventually undertook the direction of the Brooklyn Temple Choir.

The Brooklyn Temple Choir had many gifted singers and they enjoyed praising God through song. They were the first choir in

the Northeastern Conference to sing gospel music. As the choir's ministry grew, they performed at many events, camp meetings, Nursing Homes and Choir festivals and with the assistance of Lonietta Cornwall, who was a member of the Lincoln Center Board of Directors, the Choir sang At Alice Tully Hall, which was a great honor. The choir also appeared as the Sweet Hour of Prayer Choir under the direction of Dickie Mitchell on a National Television program.

With the help of her businesses manager and husband, the late Robert Madison Wisdom, Junior and James Beaman, Satira was led to work on an album project with the choir which was released in 1973, "Sweet Hour of Prayer".

God blessed her with two children, Madison Wisdom and Sha'Lena Wisdom-Hicks, who were taught at early ages to sing and play the piano. She always encourage them to use the gifts that the Lord has given them and to always give thanks to Him.

Satira always gives Praise to God from Whom All Blessing flow especially for the gift of music. She most enjoys when she can share her musical talents to help others. She continues to use her gifts to the Glory of God. She is currently the Minister of Music at the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newark, New Jersey.

Satira would like to thank Sister Edna Lett Williamson and the Rashford Alumni Chapter officers for allowing her to be of Service. She would like everyone to know that the Lord is the Lord of her music and her life.



2006

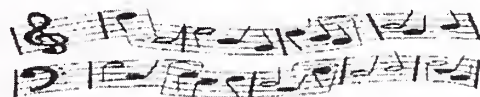
# OCAA

IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO ENDORSE THE CHOICE OF  
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARD TO



*Satira Wisdom*

SHE HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL ASSET TO THE  
A. SAMUEL RASHFORD CHAPTER  
OAKWOOD COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



YOUR MUSIC THRILLS ALL WHO LISTEN.  
MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS AND KEEP YOU.

*Henrietta & Godrey Jackson*

2006

# OCAA

**Certificate of Merit Awardee 2006**

## **SATIRA PERRY WISDOM**

**You invaluable service and beautiful contributions as weekend musician has been a blessing to the A. Samuel Rashford Chapter members and friends at our Annual Retreats. You deserve this 2006 Certificate of Merit Award for your wonderful and generous service. You are a musical legend!!! We Thank You! You have added just the touch to make the weekends happy and spirited celebrations of joy.**

**The A. Samuel Rashford Chapter O. C. A. A.  
Virginia Norman, Retreat Chairlady  
And  
Members and Friends and attendees  
Stennett Brooks, President**



2006

# OCAA

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES**

**TO**

**SATIRA WISDOM**

**Northeastern Conference Certificate of Merit Honoree**



**From**  
**BROOKLYN TEMPLE OF S.D.A.**  
**BOARD OF ELDERS**

**Stafford Henderson Byers**  
*Pastor*

**Wilton Rickets**  
*First Elder*

**2006**



# OCAA

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES**

**TO**

***SATIRA WISDOM***

**Northeastern Conference Certificate of Merit Honoree**



**From  
BROOKLYN TEMPLE OF S.D.A.  
CHURCH CHOIR**

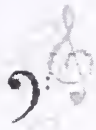
**Dynesdal Wint  
Director**

**Eugene Byers  
Pianist**

**2006**

# OCAA

2006 Certificate of Merit Honoree



## SATIRA PERRY WISDOM



Your willing, enthusiastic, beautiful musical contributions have blessed us all during our annual alumni retreats. Your spirited joyful renditions have added special pleasure to the programs, you well deserve this honor!

We love you and thank you for your generosity of time talent , and inspiration.

May God continue to bless your music and you as you bring joy to so many.

Your friends

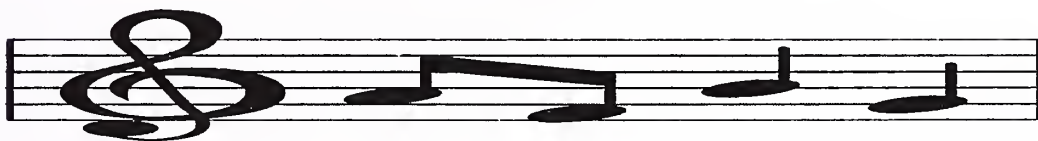
Edna Lett Williamson and Eardell J. Rashford

---

### *Congratulations to Satira Wisdom*

Our Certificate of Merit Honoree for the Year 2006

From Northeastern Conference



She is a faithful worker in Zion. As well as a devoted family member. The A. S. Rashford Chapter is grateful to her for providing us with musical talents for our yearly retreats in Tranquility, New Jersey

*Frances Goodine*

Bronx, New York

2006

# OCAA

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES  
TO**

**SATIRA WISDOM**

**Northeastern Conference Certificate of Merit Honoree**



**From  
Brooklyn Temple of S.D.A.  
Pathfinder Department**



**Esther Books  
Director**

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES  
TO**

***SATIRA WISDOM***

**Northeastern Conference Certificate of Merit Honoree**



**From  
Brooklyn Temple of S.D.A.  
Sabbath School Department**

**Mary Roberts  
Sabbath School Superintendent**

**2006**

# OCAA

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES  
TO**

***Satira Wisdom***

**Northeastern Conference Certificate of Merit Honoree**

**From  
Brooklyn Temple of S.D.A.  
Women's Ministries Department**

**Olga Simpson  
Director**



**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES  
TO**

***SATIRA WISDOM***

**Northeastern Conference Certificate of Merit Honoree**

**From  
Brooklyn Temple of S.D.A.  
Treasury Department**

**Phillip Tull  
Treasurer**



**2006**



# OCAA

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES  
TO

*Satira Wisdom*

Northeastern Conference Certificate of Merit Honoree

From  
Brooklyn Temple of S.D.A.  
Music Department

Joyce Niles  
Music Coordinator



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES  
TO

***SATIRA WISDOM***

Northeastern Conference Certificate of Merit Honoree

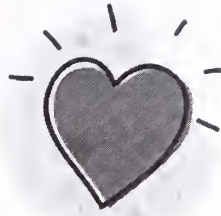


From  
Brooklyn Temple of S.D.A.  
Ushers Board

Virginia Willis  
Head Usher

2006

# OCAA



To: Sisi

With much LOVE and BEST WISHES for continued success. May God continue to bless you.

The Simmond Family  
Sue, Michael, Patrice, Von and Jadin

---

*Congratulations and Best Wishes*

*to*

*Satira Wisdom*

Northeastern Conference Certificate of Merit Honoree

*From*  
*Garoy and Dervie Williams*

2006

# OCAA

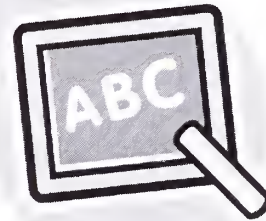
CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES  
TO

*Satira Wisdom*

Northeastern Conference Certificate of Merit Honoree

From  
Brooklyn Temple of S.D.A.  
Education Department

Melvin Byers  
Director



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES  
TO

***SATIRA WISDOM***

Northeastern Conference Certificate of Merit Honoree



From  
Brooklyn Temple of S.D.A.  
Deacons and Deaconesses Board

Randall Hibbler  
*Head Deacon*

Selena Mentor  
*Head Deaconess*

2006

## PATRONS

### ELLEN TURNER BAGLEY

Edward and Kollette Bryant  
Mr. and Mrs. James Hill  
Dr. Geneva Mosby  
Lula F. Phillips  
Lorraine T. Ricks  
Dr. Elise Moore Toombs

### DEBORAH CLARK

Andrea Clark  
Clara Clark  
Pastor and Mrs. Oscar Sherrod

### LILLIAN NEALY-COLEMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beasley  
Mr. and Mrs. St. Aubyn C. Edwards  
Elder and Mrs. Frank Jones  
Myrtice Curtis-Riley

### MARGARET HOLLMAN

Louvenia Anderson  
Marjorie Arrington  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beaver  
Earl and Denise Cox  
David Maiocco  
Cornelia L. North  
Cordie Siler  
Elizabeth Vinson

### WINIFRED RIVERS

B. W. Abney, Jr.  
Wendy Bramball  
Henry and Hadassah Davis  
Robert and June Douglas  
Elder and Mrs. Gilbert Foster  
Dr. Nathaniel Higgs  
Shirley Iheanacho  
Phillip Williams

### VIOLET THOMPSON

G. Anderson  
Kortwright Benjamin  
Lileith Gardner  
Bernice Green  
Evelyn Guy  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Keith  
Barbara Jones  
Patricia Jones  
Pearlie Ligon  
Ola B. McBride  
Johnnie B. Miller  
Elsie Lyles Parraway  
Wesley and Connie Thomas  
Dorothy H. Vance

### DR. DEWITT WILLIAMS

Marialyce Fordham-Gibson  
Drs. James and Carol Hammond, Sr.  
Dr. Tanja Alim Whitt



# OCAA

## Congratulations 2006 Honorees



**Joseph Hinson Chapter**  
**Oakwood College Alumni Association**  
810 Church ♦ Smyrna, Georgia

Mrs. Udell Darville, President  
Mr. Tony Gomez, Vice President  
Mrs. Jennifer Harrison, Treasurer  
Mr. Craig McPherson, Assistant Treasurer  
Ms. Nikki Rose, Correspondent Secretary  
Ms. Gwendolyn Chaffin, Recording Secretary  
Mrs. Marcia Fraser, Parliamentarian  
Mrs. Donna Gomez, Chaplain

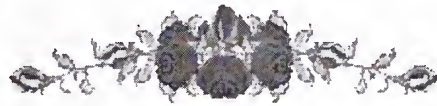
2006

# OCAA

*In Loving Memory  
of  
My Dear Parents  
and  
Loving and Devoted Husband*

*Alexander Hall and Eliza Hall*

*Clyde W. Thompson*



**"Gone but not forgotten"  
Thanks for the memories**

**Violet Hall Thompson**

---

**Congratulations and Best Wishes  
to**

**Ellen Bagley**

**Wini Rivers**

**Satira Wisdom**

**For faithfulness and dedication in service to  
your church, school and community.**

**May God continue to bless you.**

**Love from  
A Friend and Sister in Christ  
Violet Hall Thompson**

2006

# OCAA

## **Congratulations**

to

**Dr. DeWitt Williams**

**Alumnus of the Year - 2006**

and to

**Mrs. Margaret Hollman**

**Certificate of Merit - 2006**

**Allegheny East Conference**



**Melvin and Marie Seard**

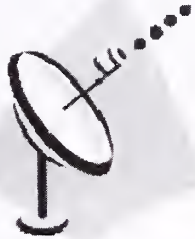
**(Regional Vice President  
Allegheny East Confer-**

**2006**

# OCAA

**"We Congratulate our Members"**

**Alumna of the Year  
Violet Hall Thompson  
and  
Merit Awardee  
from  
South Central Conference  
Winifred Rivers**



**Seventh-day Adventist Volunteer Satellite Services  
Huntsville, Alabama**

---

*Congratulations*

*to*

*Mrs. Violet Hall Thompson*

*2006 Alumna of the Year  
for  
Oakwood College*

*May God continue to bless and keep you.*

*From  
Simeon & Ethlyn Webb  
Mt. Vernon, N.Y.*

2006



**OCAA**

*Congratulations!*

*Violet Hall Thompson*

**Alumna of the Year**

*Lillian Coleman*

**Certificate of Merit - South Atlantic**

*Deborah Clark*

**Parent of the Year**

**Benjamin & Mary Smalls**

**2006**

# OCAA

## Life Members

**Rodney Cartwright - MD**

**Matthew Gray - MI**

**Esme Rudolph - NY**



2006

## *To Thee Our Dear Oakwood*

Written by O. B. Edwards

### *Chorus*

To thee, our dear Oakwood,  
To thee we shall ever sing.  
For decades thou has stood;  
Thy name shall ever ring.  
Here we've spent our happy days,  
So we love to sing thy praise,  
And wherever we may be  
We'll always be true to thee,  
Our worthy dear old O.C.

### *One*

Our dear Oakwood within whose vales  
Thy standards will not fail;  
Our hearts are filled with wondrous cheer  
When thoughts of thee draw near.  
We love thy pines, thy elms, thy oaks  
And campus always green.  
The many flowers and distant mounts,  
Form one impressive scene.

### *Two*

From states afar and isles of sea  
Thy students come to thee,  
And fain do linger in thy halls  
Enlightened truthfully.  
From nature's scenes they ever learn  
And study from the soil;  
Till many more thy works discern.  
We'll pray for thee and toil.

### *Three*

As happy birds come in the spring  
And sing not for their pay,  
Rich, natural melodies they bring,  
Cheering throughout the day.  
We too will serve thee faithfully  
In all we do and say.  
We hope in God, we trust in thee;  
True and loyal we'll be.

## Necrology List 2005-2006

Baker, Terance - NY  
Blevins, Tommy - AL  
Burton, T. J.- MD  
Carter, Gene-MO  
Coopwood, William - KY  
Dorsey, Edward - FL  
Esters, Michael - TX  
Garrett, Antoinette - VA  
Green, Laureen Gunther - NY  
Hanna, Jack - SC  
Harris, John - KY  
Hatcher, Essie -MD  
Holland, Wilson - MD  
Hoyle, Ardelia - AL  
Humphrey, Alton - MD  
Humphreys, James - AL  
Keller, Ernest - GA  
Lester , Josiah - PA  
Mann, Geraldine - PA  
Maupin, Dolores H. - MD  
Moreland - Sherman - AL  
Phipps, (Wintley Phipps' father) - CANADA  
Poole, Beatrice, PA  
Sloan, Jean - GA  
Warner - DC  
Willis, Eunice L. - AL



## Acknowledgments

**Officers of the Alumni Association express gratitude and appreciation to the following:**

- ♦ **Members of the J. L. Moran Chapter who have consistently helped with registration**
- ♦ **The Deacon and Usher Boards of the College Church and community churches who help with our Friday night and Sabbath Services**
- ♦ **Staff members in various departments of the college who interrupt their normal duties and responsibilities in order to accommodate**
- ♦ **Campus Security**
- ♦ **Journal producer and staff**

**COPORATIONS and INSTITUTIONS and PERSONS who have consistently supplies us with registration bags, gifts and prizes for the drawings:**

- ♦ **Adventist Development and Relief Agency**
- ♦ **Ministerial Association of the Adventist World Headquarters**
- ♦ **Gray Lunsford**
- ♦ **Charles Barnes**
- ♦ **Oakwood College**
- ♦ **Others**

## In Appreciation

The President of the Oakwood College Alumni Association extends sincere thanks to the following for voluntary services:

**Mrs. Edith Sloan Woods—Producer/Typesetter**

**Dr. Deborah Dowdell Gray—Proofreader**

Your untiring commitment and support in seeing this journal project to the end has been appreciated.

● To the officers and members of the OCAA, Honorees,  
● Sponsors, and Patrons we also extend a special  
● ***THANK YOU.*** You made it happen.

**Journal Committee**

**Regional Vice Presidents**

**Edward Woods, Jr.  
Coordinator**

» *Thank You* »

**OCAA**

# **Memory Notes**

**2006**

**OCAA**

# **Memory Notes**

**2006**



**OCAA**

# **Memory Notes**



**2006**



